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## ELABORATE PLANS FOR CHINESE PROCESSION

### ANTI-HEROIN WORK Founding Of Local Society Celebrated

An enjoyable tea party to mark the founding of the "Hong Kong Anti-Heroin Society" was held at the Hotel Cecil yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of members of the Society and friends.

A portrait of the late Kuomintang Party Leader Dr. Sun Yat-sen was hung in the centre of the Hall, and before which, the gathering reverently bowed three times.

After tea had been served, the President, Mr. Lau King-ting, in a speech in Chinese, stressed the danger of heroin and heroin smoking.

Mr. Lau pointed out that according to the official statistics of Hong Kong, the following quantities of smuggled heroin pills were found and confiscated, notwithstanding the Government's strict measures for suppressing smuggling. The figures were as follows: 1931—3,000 pills, 1932—33,000 pills, 1933—440,000 pills and 1934—500,000 pills.

**ALARMING INCREASE**  
Judging by the alarming increase of heroin pills between 1931 and 1934, Mr. Lau said that it could be imagined what extent of damage had been done to the (Continued on Back Page)



Mr. Lau King-ting, president of the Anti-Heroin Society.

### CORONATION TREAT FOR COLONY

#### DISPLAY ON THREE DAYS AND TWO NIGHTS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHINESE PROCESSION DURING THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETED AND AS WAS THE CASE DURING THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, THE ROUTES FOR THIS GIGANTIC DISPLAY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO ENABLE THE WHOLE OF THE COLONY TO WITNESS IT.

THE PROCESSION WILL BE HELD ON THREE DAYS AND TWO NIGHTS, BEGINNING ON MAY 12, AT 11 A.M. FROM BELCHERS STREET THROUGH THE NIGHT DISPLAYS WILL BE HELD ON ONLY MAY 13 AND 14. THE ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION ON THE FIRST DAY, STARTING AT 11 A.M. WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:—

### WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S COTTON—ELIZAGA

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, between Miss Lourdes Elizaga and Mr. John Thomas Cotton jun., of the Central Radio Service, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cotton.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. Elizaga, and the best men were Mr. J. J. Alvarez, for the bridegroom, and Dr. V. N. Atienza, for the bride. The service was performed by Rev. Father R. Brookes and Rev. Father Riganti was at the organ.

The bride looked delightful in a closely moulded princess gown of white satin with long sleeves slightly puffed on the shoulders, and a very long square-cut train. (Continued on Back Page.)

### HEALTH RETURNS

Two cases of small-pox, and one each of enteric fever, cerebro-spinal fever and dysentery were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended on Monday.

The return for the week ended on April 24 shows that there were four cases of small-pox, two of diphtheria, four of enteric fever, three of cerebro-spinal fever, four of dysentery and 59 deaths from tuberculosis.

Starting from Belchers Street along Queen's Road West to Hill Road and by Hill Road to Des Voeux Road West, from Des Voeux Road West to Wing Lok Street West and by Morrison Street to Des Voeux Road Central, along Des Voeux Road Central up to Ice House Street to Queen's Road Central, along Queen's Road Central and Queen's Road West up to No. 7 Police Station.

From here along Pokfulam Road to the University going eastward along Bonham Road, Caine Road and Upper Albert Road. Then enter the Government House and emerge from the side door of the Government House into Upper Albert Road and down Lower Albert Road. Then turn westward passing the Dairy Farm to Wyndham Street, Hollywood Road and the Chinese Recreation Ground. Then turn into Po Yan Street and Po Leung Kuk New Street passing the Ellis Kadoret School to Queen's Road West. Then go eastward by Queen's Street to the Praya, and along the Praya returning to Catchick Street. (Continued on Back Page)

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### RADIO EXPERT FOR MALAYA

#### Calling In Course Of Tour

Mr. J. B. Clark director of the Empire service of the British Broadcasting Corporation, after touring Australia and New Zealand in the interests of broadcasting, will pay a visit to Malaya on his way home.

Mr. Clark leaves London on May 1 and on the voyage out calls will be made in Malaya, where five days will be spent, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, seven days being spent in Ceylon.

After leaving Australia and New Zealand, Mr. Clark proceeds to Hong Kong, arriving there on September 16 and to Singapore where he arrives on September 23 proceeding then to Penang, Rangoon and arriving in Colombo on October 7.

The main purpose of Mr. Clark's visit is to create contact with broadcasting administrations overseas and to discuss common problems and to ascertain reactions overseas to the empire service from England.

Mr. Clark returns to England at the beginning of December.

### ANOTHER GIFT TO NATION

#### Kenilworth Castle In Warwickshire

London, April 27.—Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire, famous in history, is to belong to the nation as the result of its purchase by Sir John Stedley from Earl Clarendon and presentation for the benefit of the nation. Sir John has also given a substantial sum to the Offices of Works for its upkeep and urgent repairs. *Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

### THE DOLLAR

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### London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
London, April 27.  
London silver prices today were down 1/16, as follows:—  
April 28 April 27  
Spot.....20-5/16 20-1/4  
Forward.....20-3/8 20-5/16

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### CHARCOAL MURDER CASE AT SESSIONS

#### Gruesome Revelations In Crown Outline

### MR. WILLIAMS ADDRESSES JURY FOR OVER 90 MINUTES

Gruesome revelations were made at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when the "Charcoal Murder Case" hearing was commenced before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, K.C., and a jury.

The accused, Chiu Yuk-fai, 24 years, apprentice draughtsman and surveyor employed at the Public Works Department, pleaded not guilty to a charge of the murder of a woman, Cheung Yuk-ching, alias Cheung Sam-ku, aged 27, on the third floor of No. 323, Reclamation Street, on February 23 last.



Sir Atholl MacGregor (Photo by Von Kobza).

### BURMA'S NEW G.O.C.

It is announced in the "London Gazette" that the King has appointed Major General W. L. O. Twiss as General Officer Commanding Burma.

The Crown case was conducted by Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, who was assisted by Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey and Detective-Inspector C. R. Rozeksky.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton and Company, appeared for the defence.

A large number of spectators, including many European ladies, was present when the Court sat at 10 a.m.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. J. L. Robinson (Foreman), C. B. Wilson, Yew Man-chiu, B. W. Simmons, M. E. Reyes, E. A. Kinsey and F. J. H. Jenner.

Before commencing his opening address, Mr. Williams, addressing the jury said: "You may possibly have read something about this case in the newspapers and I would ask you to try to shut out everything you may have read from your minds and listen only to the evidence you will hear in the next few days and base your verdict on that."

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A Record Flight.—On alighting from their machine at Croydon, the pilot, Mr. Inuma and the mechanic, Mr. Tsukagoshi, received a great ovation. They were presented with bouquets and garlanded with flowers. A large number of their countrymen was present.

## New Programme In Kwangtung

Canton, April 27.  
Ever since assuming the duties of his office as Governor of Kwangtung Province, General Wu Teh-chen has shouldered the responsibilities of the task of creating a "New Kwangtung."

In a few days, General Wu will make a tour of the different districts of the province, in order to become acquainted with the present conditions.

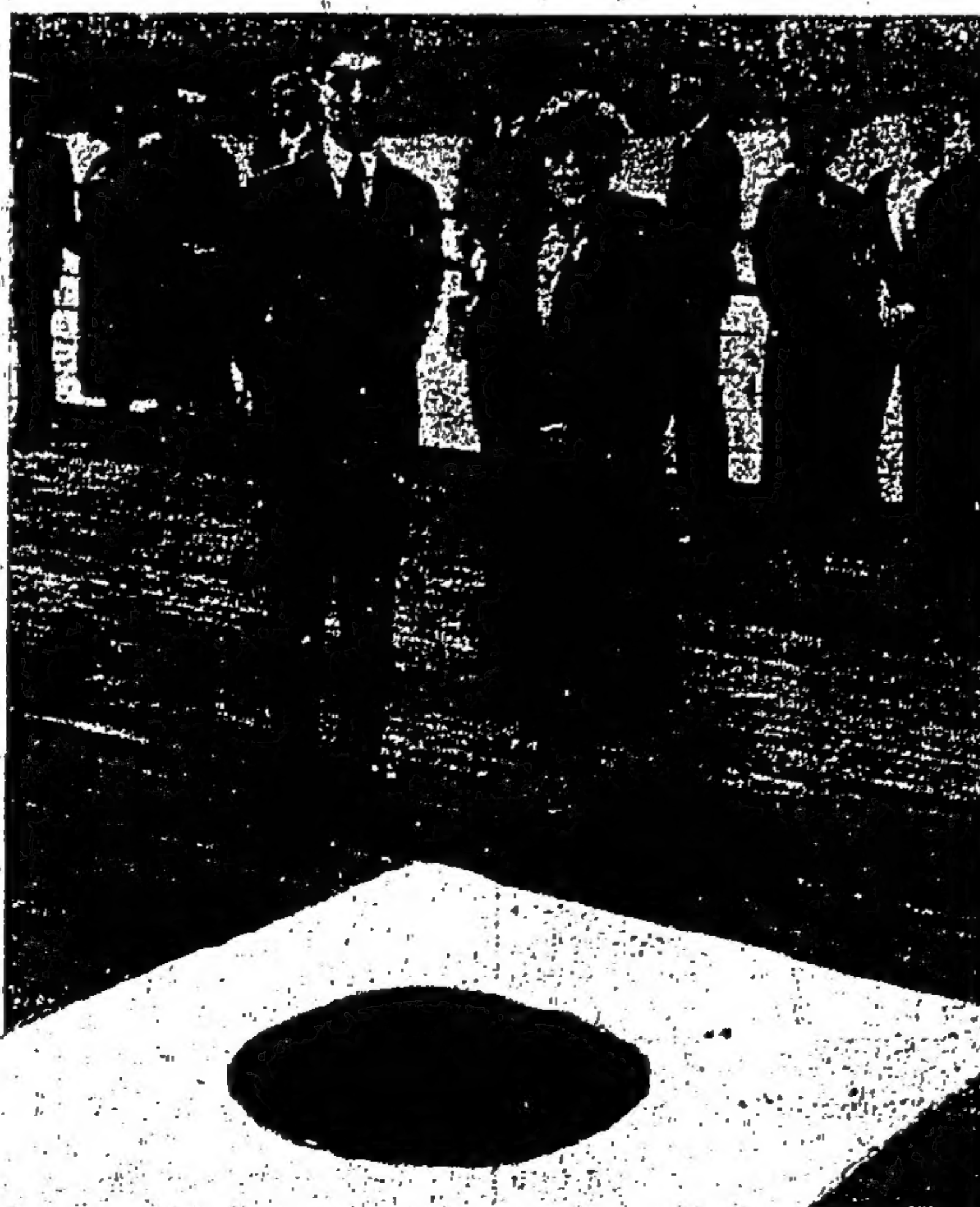
Yesterday a commemorative meeting of over 600 officials of the Government was held in the great hall of the Government Offices, and was presided over by Governor Wu Teh-chen.

After referring to past events, General Wu Teh-chen announced how he proposed to carry out his new programme of administration.

Firstly, there would be reforms in the administration, particularly in the selection of qualified officials as district magistrates, and Police and Sanitary Superintendents.

All movements for the happiness and contentment of the people, and the improvement of the city and town planning would be encouraged.

Secondly, attention would be devoted to economic questions (Continued on Back Page)



This is a picture of Prince Chichibu, who will represent the Emperor of Japan at the Coronation, with Princess Chichibu on board the liner Queen Mary on arrival at Plymouth. They are standing near a Japanese flag which has been spread on deck for the benefit of the Japanese airmen, Inuma and Tsukagoshi, who flew their aeroplane, the Divine Wind, over the vessel to welcome the royal visitors.

## A Question Of Taste

(To the Editor, the "Hong Kong Daily Press.")

Dear Sir,—As a comparatively new-comer to the Colony I am very much struck by the discrepancies in the support given here to the various public entertainments.

Yesterday I went to the grounds of the Cricket Club, where I found the tennis semi-finals being played off in an enclosure which was jealously guarded from the public eye by high blue screens.

Having paid my dollar to go inside I found to my amazement that the stand was practically empty! Indeed there were not so many people as I noted watching matches on the open courts last week! Asking an old resident the reason for this he replied that a few years ago there used to be such crowds to watch finals that a stand was an absolute necessity. He also said that of course the same people win year after year, and that the public has presumably lost interest.

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### KING AND QUEEN IN LONDON

London, Apr. 27.—The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace to-day from Windsor Castle. They will be in residence in London until after the Coronation. The King went to Greenwich by water to-day to open the National Maritime Museum. *Reuter's Bulletin Service.*



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## CHARCOAL MURDER CASE AT SESSIONS

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### CROWN CASE OUTLINED

In a speech lasting over an hour and a half, Mr. Williams opened the case for the Crown. He related that the accused was one of four sons of Chiu Chun Po, place goods merchant in Jervois Street. The accused's mother died ten years ago and the mother of the other three sons is still living. The defendant was employed for several years as a draughtsman and surveyor in the Public Works Department where two other brothers were also employed. Chiu Chun Po was the owner of three houses, 319, 321 and 323 Reclamation Street, and the family occupied the top floors of 319 and 321 while the top floor of 323 was left vacant and was used for drying clothes and storing firewood.

The deceased was the concubine of Chan Wun, master of a leather shop, but at the relevant time she resided at 408 Portland Street where she was the principal tenant of the floor. Her husband visited her and gave her allowances. Prior to this she lived at 79, Leichikok Road, and whilst there she became acquainted with the accused and he visited her frequently at that address usually in company with two friends Ho Wing and Ng Kau Tip.

### DECEASED DUPED

The deceased had been owed money and she wished to take action for its recovery but being ignorant of the procedure she confided in the accused who introduced her to a firm of solicitors. Action was taken but the principal debtor had absconded. It was believed, to Macao. Early in December last the accused planned a pleasure trip to Macao at the expense of the deceased. The accused and his friend, Ho, visited the deceased. Another man, described as dark, and believed to be an Indian or Portuguese was introduced to deceased who was led to believe that he was a Government official from Macao. He produced papers on which the accused, had allegedly written meaningless sentences, and told the deceased that one was a summons for her to go to Macao where the debtor had been arrested and another was a receipt of service of summons.

The party went to Macao on December 13 and at Macao they had a party during which a considerable amount of drink was consumed. A quarrel between deceased and the accused who was eager to recover the false documents. Blows were exchanged and the accused snatched her handbag and tore up the documents. The Macao police arrived and patched up the documents and returned them to the deceased.

The party returned to Hong Kong the next day when the deceased threatened action but a settlement was eventually reached whereby the accused agreed to pay \$150, which he did, and signed an I.O.U. for \$100.

From that time to the day of the crime, there was evidence that the deceased had pressed for payment of the I.O.U. but the accused evaded payment.

The false summons and receipt were documents which the accused naturally desired to have in his possession and it was this desire, at least in part, that led to the murder of the woman on February 28.

### BOBBED HAIR

The deceased whose hair was bobbed left the house at noon on February 28 and she was wearing a green long coat and red overcoat and certain jewellery. She visited a mah jong school at Kilong Street, and while playing there a man, believed to be the accused, came to fetch her.

Shortly after 2 p.m. a woman, Wong Hop, who was in the passage way of 325, Reclamation Street, second floor, heard foot-steps going up the common stairs to the vacant floor of 323. She saw a woman, with bobbed hair, with a man, and after a few steps the man turned and she recognised him as the accused. She heard the flap of the door on the vacant floor drop.

Immediately after she heard a woman's voice shout twice, "save life" but she paid not attention to it as she heard no further noise.

### MORE NOISE HEARD

Wong Lai Chan, living in the floor below the vacant flat heard the noise of someone running about upstairs and shouting. About 2.15 p.m. the accused's eldest brother was in 321, Reclamation Street, when he saw the accused standing at the doorway with a stranger of the coolie type. Ho

(the eldest brother) spoke to them and then left. About 25 minutes later, the woman, Wong Lai Chan, heard a noise as if some heavy object was being dragged on the floor above. She saw a coolie, not the accused, coming down the stairs, and it was the Crown's submission that the object of this man leaving the premises was to purchase charcoal. He bought several caddies from a shop and returned with a fold carrying two baskets.

### BAD FAT BURNING

About this time an amah employed by the accused's wife was in her own floor and she saw the accused carrying something in front of him into the vacant floor. It was the Crown's case that the object was probably a box. About forty-five minutes later smoke was observed coming into her sitting room accompanied by the smell of bad fat being burned. She looked through a peep hole and saw the accused who, in reply to a question, said that they were burning charcoal to prepare food for his mother's party.

Tang Shiu Cheuk, husband of Wong Lai Chan, returned to the house about 4.30 p.m. He noticed smoke pouring from the kitchen on the top floor. The doors, into that floor were bolted. Looking through the verandah doors which were opened he saw the accused who bolted the doors but Tang forced his way in. Accused put out his hands to stop him saying, "Burning opium only; it will soon be out." Tang pushed him aside and ran to the kitchen where he saw a fire burning fiercely on the floor. He ran back to the verandah, shouting, "Fire! Blow police whistle!"

### FIRE BRIGADE ARRIVES

A crowd had collected in the street and the commotion attracted the attention of the accused's mother and she was told by the accused that they were burning old iron.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Mr. C. Brand, of the Mongkok Fire Station, and two Chinese firemen entered the floor. They saw the accused trying to put out the fire and the accused said, "Fire all right" and attempted to push them away. On Mr. Brand's instructions one of the firemen inspected the debris. He lifted up a wooden palling and uncovered what appeared to Mr. Brand to be a partially roasted sheep but the Chinese fireman shouted that it was a human body. Mr. Brand turned to arrest the accused but he had disappeared. Police came on the scene and found the charred remains of the body. The hands and legs had been tied with electric flex, the mouth being gagged by a girdle held in place by flex. Police searched the accused's cubicle and found a ladies' handbag and wallet containing articles of jewellery which was later identified as belonging to the deceased. They also found a hammer near the fire.

### ACCUSED ARRESTED

Accused's movements were traced. He went to the house of a woman, Chan Fong Shan, at 409, Shanghai Street, second floor. He stayed there the night saying that he was sick and had a headache and the following morning got the woman to cut his hair and shave his head. The next morning, about 2.15, Detective-Inspector Carey arrived and placed accused under arrest for murder. The accused said, "I know." Insp. Carey found a piece of paper on which had been written a letter signed "Fat." The letter stated that the only way the writer could avoid misfortune was to escape.

A new suit of coolie clothing was found among other property.

### BODY EXAMINED

Dr. R. S. Begbie, who performed the post mortem, would say that the body was identified by fragments of clothing and a gold capped tooth.

The body was burned all over the surface and on removal of the skull cap a layer of heat-coagulated blood clot was found over the left side between the bone and outer membrane covering the brain. The limbs were burnt right down to the bone and joint. The skull was cracked in several places from the heat and there was also a fracture above the blood clot which had occurred during life, probably caused by a blow from a hammer.

The body had been placed in a box before burning.

Death had probably occurred before burning, but the cause of death could not be determined.

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## COURT NEWS IN BRIEF

Appearing on remand before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on charges of theft of letter, demanding money with a forged document, and conspiracy to defraud and aiding and abetting, two unemployed, Chan Tso and Chan Tak Fan, were found guilty of one of four charges and were sentenced to three months' and six months' imprisonment respectively. Third defendant Wong Yiu was discharged.

On a charge of demanding \$100 from Chi Shau, with menaces, three men, Li Kwai, 40, Li Kai-chung, 48, and Tang Mok-sang, 28, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and were remanded, the case being fixed for hearing on Thursday, May 6, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution.

Accused of offering for sale flashlight batteries bearing labels and trade marks resembling those on batteries of another manufacture as to be calculated to deceive, the Union Dry Battery Company of Leichikok Road were summoned before Mr. K.M.A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on the instigation of the True Light Manufacturing Company of Yen Chow Street.

Mr. K. F. Wong, appearing for the prosecution said that complainants had been manufacturing batteries for a period of several years. When the "Trulite" brand was introduced to the market in 1932 there was no other battery being sold under a similar label. Information was received about two weeks ago that defendants had been selling a brand that have a trade mark strongly resembling that produced by his client.

After cross examination by Mr. E. E. Arculli, who appeared for the defence, the case, was adjourned. The next hearing was fixed for Thursday, April 29, at noon.

As the result of a raid at No. 161, Fa Yuen Street, third floor, a man Chan Kam-lung, aged 21, and his mother Li Kiu, aged 40, were arrested and charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with the possession of 1,499 heroin pills which were found in the premises.

Mr. E. I. Zimmerman appeared on behalf of the defendants.

Revenue Officer Stephen who conducted the raiding party, said that about 8.15 a.m. on April 13, he entered the address in question and found that the rear cubicle was being used as a heroin pill factory.

Formal evidence was given after which the case was adjourned till noon to-day.

Li Hon-yin, 40, widow, and Chan Ho, a 23-year-old unemployed, were each fined \$50 or five weeks' imprisonment when they appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of keeping a common gaming house at No. 464, Nathan Road on Monday.

Seven people who were charged with participating in the game, appeared on bail of \$25 each and were fined \$10, while two others who were detained were sentenced to two weeks' hard labour with the alternative of a \$5 fine each.

The sum of \$138.35, which was seized from the table, was ordered to be put into the Poor Box.

Lai Luk Man, manager of the Ming Yuen Garden Resort, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday for running a gaming place at the Ming Yuen Garden Resort on April 22.

In outlining the case Detective-Inspector Murphy stated that on the night of April 22, a number of plain clothes men raided the Resort and arrested the defendant who claimed to be the manager. He stated that patrons going into the resort had to pay an entrance fee of ten cents, but those who went to gamble did not need to pay the entrance fee.

His Worship in finding the defendant guilty imposed a fine of \$250 and ordered the games to be confiscated.

"Prof. Carl Wiggers, Prof. of Physiology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. will give a lecture before the Hong Kong University Medical Society on Thursday, 29th April, 1937, at 5.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room. He will talk on "Some Applications of Physiology to Medicine."

## NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by the Admiralty:

Cdr.—A. Bowman, to Curlew (March 8); and W. S. Bardwell, M.V.O., to Cardiff (March 9).  
Cdr.—(E.)—W. E. C. Davy, to Kent (March 8); and G. H. Gwyther, to Victory (March 18).

Lt.-Cdr.—H. C. R. Alexander, to Delhi (April 12); R. S. Welby, to Sussex (March 17); Sir C. E. Mad-den, Bt., to Excellent (March 26); W. B. Walker, to Curlew (March 22); and R. T. Gordon-Duff, to H. 31 (March 8).

Lts.—R. P. Rakes, to H. 31 (March 6); D. McI. Russell, to Britannia, for R.N.C., Dartmouth (April 6); and R. L. H. Marsh, to Sussex (March 25).

Lts. (E.)—P. Charis, to Aurora (March 10); E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, to Drake (March 19); and D. W. H. Coughlin, to Dorsetshire (April 2).

Surgn. Lt.—I. C. Macdonald, M.B., to Drake (March 9).

Senior Master.—C. H. Mulready, to Caledonia (on comm.).  
Schoolmaster (C.W.O.)—F. W. Spry, to Newcastle (on comm.).

### Promotions

Lts.—D. R. C. Hodson, C. H. Holmes, J. G. D. Hill, A. W. Jackson, and H. C. Simms, to rank of Lt.-Cdr. (seny. March 1).

Payr. Lt.—G. T. Millett, to rank of Payr. Lt.-Cdr. (seny. March 1).  
Payr. Sub-Lt.—D. E. Jenkins, to rank of Payr. Lt. (seny. March 1).

Wt. Writer (Retd.)—A. W. Stone, to rank of Payr. Lt. (ret.) (seny. Oct. 5, 1936).

### Retirements

Lt.-Cdr.—F. S. Graham, at own request, with rank of Cdr. (March 3).

Shipt. Lt.—F. G. Eke, placed on the Retd. List (March 5).

### Royal Naval Reserve

Engr. Lt.—E. A. Gould, promoted to Engr. Lt.-Cdr. (seny. Feb. 14).

Sub-Lts.—F. K. Manley, promoted to Lt. (seny. Feb. 1); J. D. Minto, to H. 43 (March 13); H. I. Fisher (proby.), to Verity; J. E. Bromley (proby.), to Drake; and F. W. Hawkins (act.), to Woolston (March 14).

Proby. Payr. Sub-Lt.—G. R. Ackley, to Royal Sovereign (March 9).

Skipper.—J. M. Gault, promoted to Ch. Skipper (seny. Feb. 28).

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.  
Lts.—A. H. Davies, to Wallace (March 6); and H. R. Skelton, to Woolston (March 13).

Payr. Lt.—E. C. Buchanan, promoted to Payr. Lt.-Cdr. (seny. Feb. 28).

Mid.—J. K. Taylor, promoted to Act. Sub-Lt. (seny. Feb. 2).

## EUROPEAN FINED \$200

Peter Grant Cameron, was fined \$200 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on charges of driving a motor car in a dangerous manner in a controlled area, at Queen's Road West and for having defective brakes in his car.

In giving evidence Sergeant Riddell stated that at about 9.20 p.m. he was on duty at Queen's Road, West when he saw a car being driven at a fairly fast speed pass him. A few seconds later he saw a Chinese male being hurled about eight feet into the air and land on the ground. He then rushed over and found that the man had been knocked down by the car. He assisted the injured man and waited till the ambulance came and took him to the Government Civil Hospital. He then told Mr. Cameron to go to the No. 2 Police Station and make a report.

For the defence Mr. J. T. Prior called Mr. A. I. Burnie as a witness, and the latter said that he went out to Repulse Bay and back in the car on April 10 and found that the brakes were fairly good. Witness also said that he had been driving since 1931.

### DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE

Cameron then gave evidence as to what happened. After he had passed Sergeant Cameron in Queen's Road, he turned to the left and slowed down. Ten or fifteen yards ahead he saw a Chinese male cross the road from left to right, and at the same time he saw another Chinese male leave the pavement, to cross the road. He then sounded his horn and the second man stopped, and as he neared him, the first man halted and then ran back to the left side of the road. He then saw that he had no chance of missing the deceased, and so, swerved sharply to the left and as he did so something came out and struck his reflector, and a man seemed to jump into the air and hit the back

## EXTRA TOT FOR NAVY

### But No Soup Plates

Blue jackets are to have stronger grog. Soup-plates (absence of) and white sugar (cost of) also loom large in the Admiralty's latest decrees concerning the "lower deck."

It is announced, in Fleet Orders, that as an experiment for a year the grog issue to ratings is to be "two-rum" (a tot of rum with two parts of water) in place of the customary "three-rum."

Rum is issued neat to chief petty officers and petty officers, but since 1740 junior ratings have had half a gill of rum mixed with three-parts of water, making half a pint of "three-water rum." The new drink will be shorter—but still-fer.

Several other concessions are also announced, including:

An increase of three days in leave, from seven to ten days for harbour ships and establishments at midsummer;

One boot brush to be omitted from Service kit;

Larger cap boxes;

Boatswains' whistles, instead of being purchased ashore, will be obtainable on board ship;

Petty officers may buy officers' pattern underwear;

Ratings will be allowed sheets in future as a change from the traditional blankets.

But—Jack will not get white sugar in his tea. For the Lords Commissioners say: "Consideration of expense and source of origin enter into the matter, and these favour the supply of 'brown' or Empire sugar."

Nor will his requests for marriage allowances at 23, instead of 25, dantier boots, and soup-plates be granted.

## DRAWN BATONS IN BELFAST

### 1916 Easter Rebellion Demonstration

Police charged with drawn batons when 200 men and a number of girls gathered in the Milltown cemetery to hold a demonstration to commemorate the Easter Rebellion of 1916.

The crowd scattered but later reformed on Fall-road and were marching towards Beechfield-street when Constables Noblett and Maguire stepped forward to stop them.

Constable Noblett was knocked down and kicked in the face. He was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital and detained.

His companion escaped injury. Five girls who were found wearing Easter lilies, the Republican emblem, in the Brown-square area of the city were arrested.

Under an order made by Sir Dawson Bates, Northern Ireland Minister for Home Affairs, all meetings to commemorate Easter week had been banned, and elaborate precautions to prevent demonstrations were taken by the police.

Scores of arrests were made in various parts of the Irish Free State when the outlawed Irish Republican Army endeavoured to hold demonstrations.

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#### Age Of Moa Bone

Napier, N.Z.—Experts who have examined a fragment of the leg-bone of a moa, recently discovered near here, place its age at three million years. It was unearthed at Makotuku, at an elevation of 1,100 ft. Considerable interest has been aroused by the discovery, as, while it was known that certain types of moa had survived until after the arrival of the Maori in New Zealand, this is the oldest fragment yet found.

mudguard of his car. He then swerved to the right to avoid hitting some pillars which were in front of him, and then turned around, after having straightened out the car and saw a policeman standing beside the injured man.

He was told by Sergeant Riddell to leave the car where it was and make a report to the No 2 Police Station, which he did.

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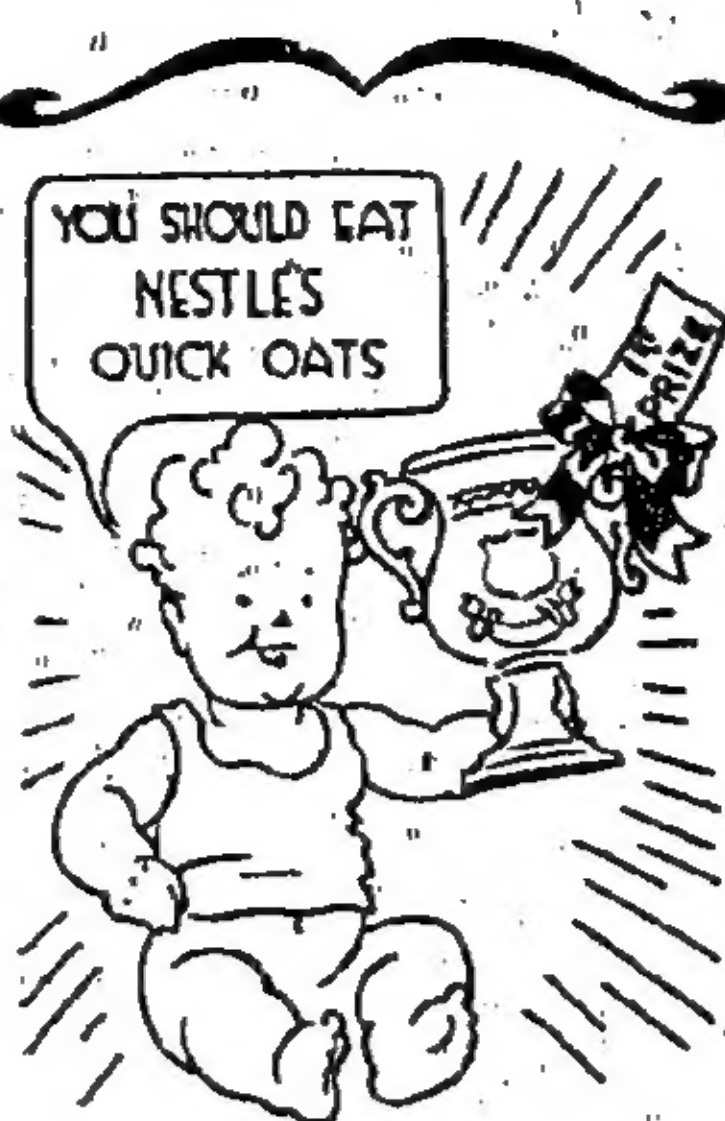
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## RECORD NUMBER OF MARRIAGES

## New Zealand Vital Statistics For 1936

Preliminary figures, exclusive of Maoris, of the principal heads of vital statistics for the year 1936 are contained in the February number of the Abstract of Statistics, and show that the number of marriages in 1936 (13,740) is the highest ever recorded in New Zealand. The rate (9.21 per 1,000 of mean population) is also the highest with the exception of the post-war year 1920. The number for 1936 represents an increase of 13 per cent. over 1935.

The mounting annual total of marriages during the last four years has not been without its effect upon the birth-rate, continues the statement. Whereas prior to 1936 the birth-rate for 11 years in succession was pronounced the lowest on record, the rate of decline has of more recent years been checked, while the recorded birth-rate for 1936 (16.64) registers a slight increase over that for 1935 (16.17) and is the highest obtained since 1932.

The death-rate for 1936 (8.75), while the highest since 1923, is nevertheless lower than in any year prior to 1921, and maintains the low level that has been in evidence in New Zealand for many years past, in spite of the steady ageing of the population. The total number of deaths was 13,056 (774 infants).

The infant mortality rate since 1932 has been moving very steadily upward, while still maintaining annually the position of the lowest rate in the world. In 1936, however, an appreciable drop was recorded, reducing the rate to the lowest figure ever recorded (31.15).

## The King's Visit To Duchy Tenants

The King paid his first visit to the South-East London estates of the Duchy of Cornwall on the 600th anniversary of the creation of the Duchy.

Hundreds of children greeted him with cheers when he arrived at the new building of the Christ Church United Clubs, opposite the Oval Cricket Ground.

The club, which has been built on a site presented by the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales, was formally opened by Lord Halifax on April 20.

The King was so absorbed in the work of the club that he spent four minutes longer than the time allotted by schedule.

At King George's House, Stockwell, he watched two of the boys playing billiards in the games room. As he saw a rather intricate cannon brought off he smiled and remarked, "They play a jolly good game."

## WITH OLD TENANTS

Visiting Denny-crescent, his Majesty inspected the gardens which have been laid out by Mr. R. D. Kell, assistant land steward to the Duchy, to commemorate the 600th anniversary.

A small open space had been left in the centre. Here the King planted a tree, and later greeted 75 tenants as they filed past him. During a visit to the Old Tenants' Hostel, the King asked to see one of the flats.

## Modernising The Army

A memorandum issued by Mr. Duff Cooper, Secretary for War, on the Army Estimates, says that the increased expenditure which they represent is due mainly to the expansion and acceleration of the programme for bringing our military preparations up to date, which was explained in the statements already issued relating to the Government's defence policy.

The past year had been one of ceaseless activity in every sphere of military policy—the mechanisation and modernisation of the army; the improvement of coast and air defences at home and abroad; the organisation under a new department of the War Office of sources of supply for munitions; the much-needed improvement in barracks accommodation and the provision of amenities for soldiers and their families; the problem of recruiting for the Regular and the Territorial Army and the supply of material for their training; the conversion of the major part of two divisions of the Territorial Army into anti-aircraft divisions, with the special problems of fresh accommodation and increased personnel.

## ADEQUATE FORCES

The aim, Mr. Duff Cooper explains, "is to produce military forces which will be adequate to the supply of garrisons in peace at home and overseas, the maintenance of order in the Empire, and the provision of a force to support the policy of his Majesty's Government in the defence of the Empire and in the discharge of their international obligations. A promising beginning was made in 1936, and in 1937 it is hoped to make substantial progress in all directions."

The increases in personnel—to 168,900 (exclusive of India), as compared with 158,400 in 1936—are due mainly to the proposal to raise two of the four infantry battalions referred to last year, to the expansion of the Royal Tank Corps and of anti-aircraft units, to the modernisation of the coast defences, of certain defended ports, and to the requirements of the army on mobilisation.

## ORGANISATION CHANGES

The principal changes proposed in organisation are—

In the Cavalry of the Line, five regiments at home are in the process of mechanisation and two regiments in Egypt will be on an experimental mechanised basis.

In the Royal Artillery it is hoped to complete the mechanisation of the Field Artillery. A second Survey Company will be formed.

In the Royal Engineers the second half of the Anti-aircraft Battalion required for the 2nd A.A. group will be formed.

In the Royal Corps of Signals a mobile divisional Signals will be

formed into which Cavalry Signals and Tank Brigade Signals will be absorbed; a second corps Signals will also be formed, and the mechanisation of the five Divisional Signals will be completed.

All battalions of Foot Guards and Infantry serving at home, with the exception of units of the 4th Division, will be reorganised, or be in process of reorganisation, as rifle or machine-gun battalions with mechanised first-line transport, by April 1, and battalions in colonial garrisons will commence reorganisation on October 1 next.

Two battalions of Infantry will be raised and added to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Royal Irish Fusiliers, which have only one battalion each.

In the Royal Tank Corps the 7th Tank Battalion will be formed.

## RECRUITING

The strength of the Regular Army, inclusive of British troops in India and Burma, at the beginning of the financial year will be approximately 980 officers and 20,200 other ranks below the recruiting establishment, and during the year the number of men leaving the colours will be approximately 27,000. The recruits required will therefore be about 47,200.

Commenting on this, Mr. Duff Cooper says that recruiting, "although it has improved in the last few weeks, is below both our hopes and our needs, but certain measures which I have in contemplation will, I trust, lead to a substantial and progressive amelioration of the position."

"The recent increase in recruits is due almost entirely to some modifications of the physical standards for certain corps. The introduction of mechanisation has permitted a relaxation of the standards of physical fitness, particularly those concerned with defects of the feet. These modified standards came into force on Dec. 1 last, too late to affect the rejection rate for the recruiting year which ended on September 30. Nevertheless, the rejection figure for that year reached the low level of 296.79 a thousand, compared with 305.70 a thousand in the previous year."

"The quality of enlisted men, however, has been excellent, and some 64 per cent. of applicants are in some form of employment when they offer themselves. The Aldershot experiment made to test the possibility of bringing recruits below the physical standard up to standard within reasonable time by physical training and improved diet was a success, and barracks at Canterbury are being adapted to continue this work on a more permanent basis. Arrangements are being made for establishing a combined recruiting depot for the three services at Liverpool."

## PROFIT IN PIGS

In 1932 Mr. Smith, of Aston, Oxford, bought a litter of piglets at 5s. each.

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The Earl of Radnor distributed the prizes and the principal winners were: 1. The Grange Floor Covering Co., Ltd., of Westbury-on-Trent; 2. Mr. A. J. Hounslow, of Buckingham; 3. Mr. Frank Wilkinson, of Nunburnholme, Yorkshire.

## £170,000-A-YEAR "KEEP FIT" GRANTS

Widespread powers to set up "Fitter Britain" clubs and camps throughout the country are accorded to local authorities by the Government's Physical Training and Recreation Bill, the text of which has been issued.

It is estimated that the cost of grants and other measures for which the Bill provides will be £170,000 a year, in addition to the £2,400,000 to be spent on the scheme between now and March 1940.

## WIDE POWERS

The main objects of the Bill are:

(1) To give fuller definition to the work of the National Advisory Council and the Grants Committees, and of the Local and Regional Committees which they are setting up;

(2) To enable the Board of Education or Secretary for Scotland to make grants to voluntary bodies and local authorities;

(3) To widen the existing powers of local authorities.

The Board or the Secretary for Scotland are empowered, in accordance with recommendations

of the Grants Committees, to make advances towards the cost of facilities for physical training and recreation.

These may include provision and equipment of gymnasiums, playing fields, swimming baths, holiday camps and camping sites, and other buildings.

The words "whether as a part of wider activities or not" make it clear that grants are not restricted to accommodation or equipment for physical training or recreation in the narrow sense, but extend to clubs or community centres affording it.

## COMMUNITY CENTRES

Another clause extends the powers of local authorities to cover not merely athletic but social or educational objects. They will thus be able to provide community centres and wardens, teachers, and leaders.

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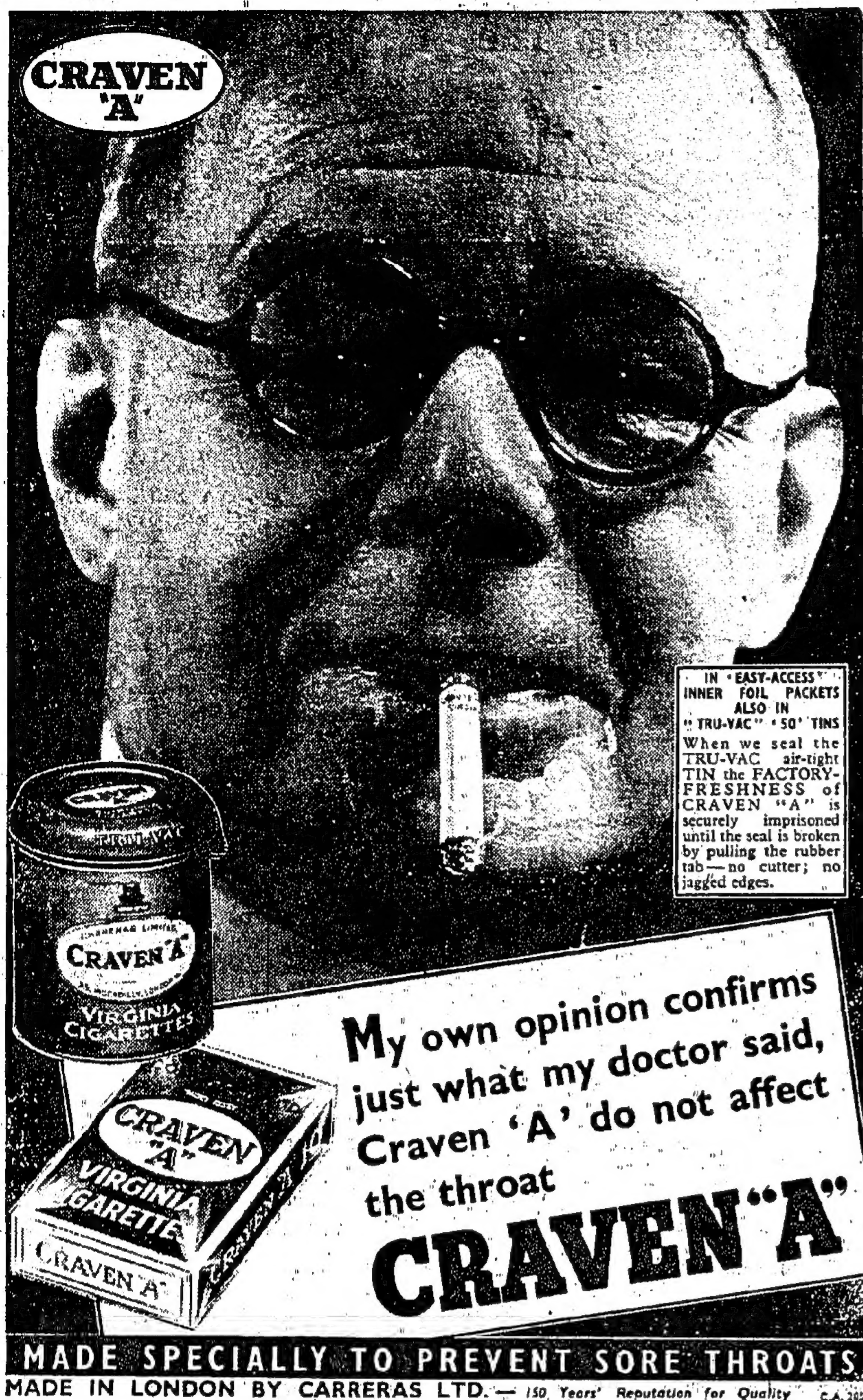
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—Rais da Costa (Piano). "Brewster's Millions."—Jack Buchanan and Gerald and His Orchestra.

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Fox-Trots—The Wanderers: You do the darndest things, Baby; Eeny Meeny Miney Mo; The Changing of the Guard; Harbour lights; Rhythm saved the world; Sing, sing, sing. Waltz—You're my gift from Heaven. Fox-Trots—Here's love in your eyes; You can't pull the wool over my eyes; You gotta know how to dance; Let's call a heart a heart; On a typical tropical night; Smoke Dreams; There's that look in your eyes again; She shall have music; Do the Runaround. Rumba—Spanish Jake; Waltz—A gift from Heaven.

11.15 p.m. London—The International Six Days Motor-Cycling Trial. Behind the scenes in a Midland Motor-Cycle Factory. Peter Chamberlain (of the A.C.U.) and Graham Walker will describe the preparation of men and machines (Electrical Recording).

11.45 p.m. Close down.

4.30 to 5.45 p.m. (approx.). Additional European Programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles, and on Z.E.W. on a frequency of 31.49 metres (9.52 m.c.s.).

A Running Commentary by Frank V. Read on the Open Singles Tennis Championship of the Colony Semi-Finals, between E. C. Fincher and S. A. Rum-Jahn, on the Stand Court of the Hong Kong Cricket Club. (By Courtesy of the Committee of the Hong Kong Cricket Club).

DAVENTRY

Calls Wavelengths

G.S.G. .... 17.79m.c. (16.88m.)

G.S.O. .... 15.18m.c. (19.76m.)

G.S.B. .... 9.51m.c. (31.55m.)

G.S.H. .... 21.47m.c. (13.97m.)

G.S.F. .... 15.14m.c. (19.82m.)

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Trans. II (G.S.H., G.S.G., G.S.B.). 6.45 p.m.—Big Ben; The New Victoria Cinema Orchestra. 7 p.m.—Speeches at the Ceremony of Conferring the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh on H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester, from the Usher Hall, Edinburgh 7.35 p.m.—"Mid-week Variety." 8.15 p.m.—An Organ Recital 9 p.m.—Variety. 9.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements.

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## DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Anniversaries and Holidays:—St. Paul of the Cross, Martyr of the Bounty, 1789.

Auctions.—Leasehold Property, at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Sales Room, 6 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3 p.m.

### Cinemas.

King's:—"Off To The Races." Queen's:—"The Beloved Vagabond."

Oriental:—"Down The Stretch." World:—"Chinese Picture." Alhambra:—"William Tell." Majestic:—"In Callente." Star:—"Peg Of Old Drury."

Dances.—Cheero Club Dance 8 p.m.; Steel Coulson's Billiards and Snooker League Annual Dance, at China Fleet Club, 8.30 p.m.

Lectures.—Father G. Byrne on "Man the Unknown," H.K. University 8.30 p.m.

Meetings.—Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild, 10 a.m.; Annual of the Ministering League, at Helena May, 10.30 a.m.; Annual of China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., in Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel, 12.30 p.m.; Annual, of Diocesan Old Girls' Assn., at Messrs. Lo and Lo's Offices, Alexandra Bldg., 5.15 p.m.; General Committee, at S. and S. Home, 5.30 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).

Moon.—III Moon, 18th. Day.

Sunrise.—5.54 a.m. Sunset.—6.49 p.m.

Tides.—High at 10.06; Low at 4.02 and 17.35.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Anniversaries and Holidays:—Birthdays of Emperor of Japan, 1901. 33rd Day of Omer, St. Peter, Martyr. General Boulanger born, 1837. Sir T. Beecham born, 1879.

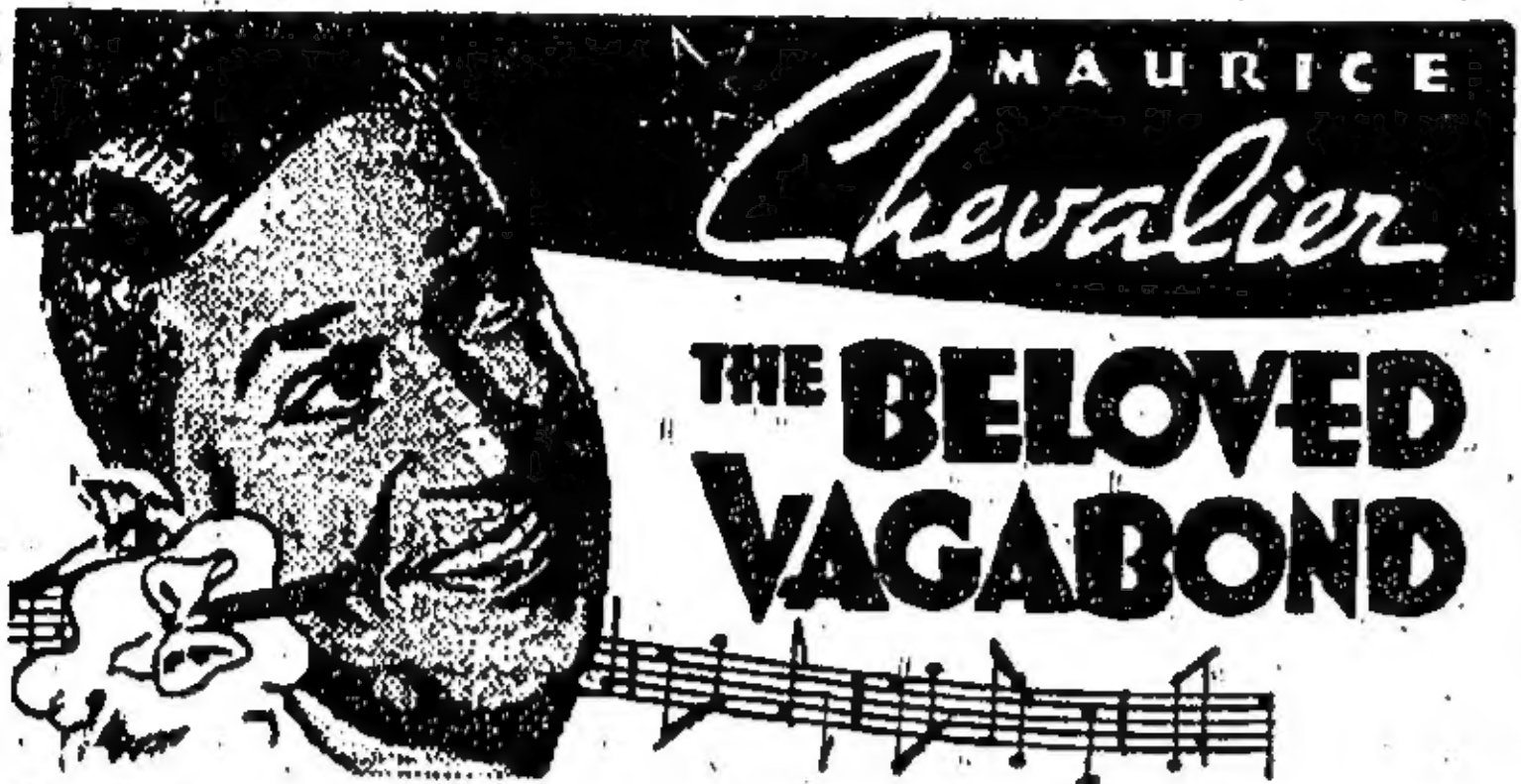
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THEIR FIRST "TALKIE"  
NEW ZEALAND'S QUADRUPLETS

Falkland Islanders To Have Them Regularly

During the call of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company liner Reina del Pacifico at Port Stanley the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands saw for the first time a "talkie". The film "Rose Marie" was shown in one of the saloons of the liner. The audience was enthusiastic.

Silent films have been shown once a week at Port Stanley for some time, and arrangements are now being made to exhibit "talkies" regularly.

The Reina del Pacifico made her call during a 20,000-mile pleasure cruise which ended at Liverpool.

Government To Build House

Dunedin, N.Z.—The first contract to be let in Dunedin under the Government's new housing plans is to be for the erection of a self-contained house for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, parents of New Zealand's famous quadruplets. The "quads" celebrated their second birthday on March 3. They are all happy and healthy, though Vera is slightly behind the other three—Bruce, the only son, Kathleen, and Mary—in her powers of walking. Kathleen and Mary are extraordinarily similar in appearance.

## TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—  
"Off To The Races"  
QUEEN'S:—  
"The Beloved Vagabond"  
ORIENTAL:—  
"Down The Stretch"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—  
"William Tell"  
MAJESTIC:—  
"In Caliente"  
STAR:—  
"Peg of Old Drury"

Coming

KING'S:—  
"Craig's Wife"  
QUEEN'S:—  
"Charlie Chan At The Opera"  
ORIENTAL:—  
"The Devil Is A Sissy"  
ALHAMBRA:—  
"North of Nome"  
MAJESTIC:—  
"Adventure In Manhattan"  
STAR:—  
"Invitation To The Waltz"

## THE BELOVED VAGABOND

After a prolonged vacation from affairs cinematic, the irrepressible Maurice Chevalier bobs up again to-day at the Queen's Theatre, in a gay, tuneful musical romance called "The Beloved Vagabond."

As "The Beloved Vagabond" Chevalier reveals in a role that is tailor-made. And the audience revels in tantalizing romance or when his lip pouts in tuneful melody, the Chevalier personality becomes irresistible. Thanks to a faultless script by Hugh Mills, Walter Creighton and Arthur Wimperis, a sparkling story based on the novel by W. J. Locke and spirited direction by Kurt Bernhardt, the Chevalier brand of comedy and song is given wide opportunity to flourish.

## "WILLIAM TELL"

"William Tell" is showing at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.

A shadow of oppression lies over the Uri canton in Switzerland. The old rights of the Swiss have not been recognized by the new Emperor. A delegation of the Swiss, headed by Stauffacher of Schwyz and Walter Furst of Uri is unsuccessful.

Arnold von Melchtal, whose fiancée, Barbara, lives in Sarnen, finds out that the tyrants do not respect property or lives of other people.

One morning, while he is ploughing his field, the officials attack him and take his oxen. Melchtal tries to resist, and his enemies take their vengeance on his helpless old father.

## IN CALIENTE

"In Caliente," First National's latest musical offering with Dolores Del Rio and Pat O'Brien in the stellar roles has been booked for the Majestic Theatre to-day.

Busby Berkeley, famous creator of screen spectacles, has staged three big song and dance numbers entitled "In Caliente," "Lady In Red," and "Muchacha." In the latter number Phil Regan as a bandit chief, does the singing while Dolores Del Rio is featured in a dancing review.

"Lady In Red" is sung by Winifred Shaw, musical comedy star, and "In Caliente," the title song, is sung by a group of entertainers. Another number, a ballad entitled "To Call You My Own" is sung by Phil Regan.

## ELLEN BECOMES ALAN

After 17 years of life as a "girl," during which "she" was employed on a milk round and later as a barmaid at the Cheese Hall Hotel, Crewe, Alan Caldwell has now been officially recognised as a boy.

He is carrying on his work at the hotel—as a barman.

Alan said that he used to play football in a women's team, but has now given up the game.

His father said: "Alan—or Ellen, as we called him then—went to a doctor in December. He was sent to Manchester Royal Infirmary and after treatment came back as a man."

## Film Star From Indian Stable

Robert Flaherty has been two years making "Elephant Boy," writes a Home correspondent. The film is worth waiting for. In the Indian jungle Mr. Flaherty has found the elemental drama and pictorial beauty that made "Man of Aran" memorable, plus an enchanting little urchin called Sabu. Sabu was discovered in an elephant stable belonging to the Maharaja of Mysore. He was 12 then—a shy, inarticulate orphan, with but the qualification to play the hero of Kipling's story, "Tommy of the Elephants," on which the film is based. He knew and loved elephants.

In due course Sabu developed confidence. He knew no English, but learned his lines parrot-fashion and put them over intelligibly.

## SABU'S FLASHING SMILE

On the screen he makes an endearing little figure, with his black eyes, flashing smile and ebony body dressed in the simplest outfit ever worn by a star—a loin cloth and turban.

It is amusing and oddly touching to see the giant Iravatha, the biggest elephant in Southern India, obediently helping him up from foot to knee and from knee to shoulder and so to Sabu's seat, almost as high as a house. Sometimes Iravatha saves time by seizing him in his trunk and lifting him straight up.

As a conversationalist Sabu is intelligent and brief.

## Jeanette MacDonald Resumes Dance Study

Jeanette MacDonald has resumed, with Albertina Rasch, the dancing lessons which she started when she was sixteen years of age and which she never expected to put in use in films.

In Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's picture of Rudolf Friml's "The Firefly," on which Hunt Stromberg is to start production shortly, Jeanette will be seen for the first time as a dancing star, and the rigorous training which she underwent in her teens will stand her in good stead.

Though her first dancing lessons were received at Al White's school in Philadelphia when Jeanette was only ten, she did not take up dancing professionally until she studied with Albertina Rasch while making her first Broadway stage appearance in Ned Wayburn's "Demi-Tasse" revue.

Now Miss Rasch has started the creation of the dances in which her pupil of years ago will be seen in "The Firefly," and Jeanette has recommenced her former strict training routine.

Allan Jones will be seen opposite the star in this dramatic musical, which Robert Z. Leonard will direct.



Charlie Chan at last meets his match in the terrifying personage of BORIS KARLOFF (above) in "Charlie Chan at the Opera," new Twentieth Century-Fox picture. WARNER OLAND, of course, plays the Chinese detective.

## OFF TO THE RACES

That happy, scrappy Jones family, a household as real as your own and as funny as your neighbour's, moves into a new and hilarious phase of its career in "Off to the Races," fourth in the series of Twentieth Century-Fox pictures of the Jones Family, which opens to-day at the King's Theatre.

When Uncle Slim Summerville and his horse drop in on the Joneses, the shenanigans begin, and the typical American household is off on the most laughable, side-splitting time it has ever experienced.

## ROBERT Z. LEONARD'S TEST OF A SCREEN PERSONALITY

You don't have to have physical beauty to become a screen star, if you possess the ability to create a lasting impression of charm through an excellent performance.

That is the opinion of Robert Z. Leonard, top-ranking director who has guided many feminine stars through pictures.

"The day when physical beauty alone can raise an actress to stardom is passed," says this director who has worked with such glamorous stars as Norma Shearer, Greta Garbo, Marion Davies, Joan Crawford, Mae Murray, Myrna Loy and Luise Rainer, and most recently Jeanette MacDonald in Maytime, new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

Leonard believes that a really beautiful woman of the screen has the following five assets:

- Sincerity of performance.
- Grace of movement.
- Appeal of voice.
- Charm of personality.
- Ability to achieve reality in characterizations without a trace of the artificial.

"However, because the screen is still pictorial, stars must be photographic," he adds.

"To prove to yourself that stars need not be great beauties, think how many times at the start of a picture you know an actress is not beautiful, yet at the end you are so captured by her charm that you are almost madly in love with her," he challenges.

## FRANCES MARION TURNS PRODUCER

Frances Marion, former newspaperwoman and novelist, and one of the screen's most brilliant writers, who furnished the stories and screen plays for some of the most successful box-office pictures in recent years, has been engaged by Columbia Pictures, as an associate producer.

Before becoming identified with pictures, Miss Marion had won recognition as an author of several best sellers, and as a writer who was equally at home in comedy or drama. Some of her earliest cinema work included the screen plays for "Winning of Barbara Worth," "Callahan and Murphy," "Madame Pompadour," "Pollyanna," "The Cossacks," "Stella Dallas," "Humoresque" and "The Dark Angel."

Later while under contract to M.G.M. she wrote the photoplay for "Anna Christie," "The Rogue Song," "Good News," "The Sea Bat," "Min and Bill," "The Big House," "The Champ," "Emma," "Cynara" and "Dinner at Eight."

Miss Marion more recently wrote the story and collaborated on the screen play "Riff Raff."

## "PEG OF OLD DRURY"

Anna Neagle and Cedric Hardwicke, the brilliant team of "Nell Gwynn," are together again in "Peg of Old Drury," now at the Star Theatre.

The success of their working together in "Nell Gwynn" has indicated that they are the most popular dramatic team ever developed by a British studio, and the burst of enthusiasm which has greeted their latest film has firmly cemented this opinion.

In "Peg of Old Drury" they have radically different roles from those in "Nell Gwynn." Anna Neagle plays Peg Woffington, the tempestuous Irish actress whose fame swept the London stage of the mid-eighteenth century, and around whom, more amusing and intriguing anecdotes have collected than around any other stage figure.

## Francis Lederer In "Cape Of Good Hope"

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## DISCONTENT IN INDIA

Situation Explained  
In Commons

London, April 28.

A further statement on the political situation in the Indian provinces where Congress majorities have declined to assume the responsibilities of government was made in a House of Commons answer.

"I observe from recent comment as to the intention of the Congress resolution that the main apprehension appears to be lest the Governors should use their special powers for detailed interference in the administration. Let me make it plain that His Majesty's Government have no intention of countenancing the use of these special powers for other than the purposes for which Parliament intended them. It is certainly not the intention that the Governors, by narrow or legalistic interpretation of their own responsibilities, should trench upon the wide powers which it was the purpose of Parliament to place in the hands of the Ministers, and which it is our desire they should use in furtherance of the programmes which they have advocated."

CLEAR AND DEFINITE

This clear and definite pronouncement was made by the Under-Secretary for India who added in reply to a member who suggested that there had been a misunderstanding on the part of the Congress leaders which should be removed on the spot in the interests of good government in India, that a request to the Viceroy from Mr. Gandhi or any other leader would be considered.

Mr. Butler also explained why Mr. Gandhi's suggestion of reference of the issue of the Governors' powers to a tribunal was unacceptable, since it was not for such a body to decide whether a Governor could or could not consistently with the Government of India Act and His Majesty's instructions, divest himself of the duties imposed upon him in the terms by Parliament through those documents.

British Wireless.

## BRITISH SHIPS IN SPAIN

Another Case Of  
Molestation

London, April 28.

Another episode between the British and Spanish fleets occurred to-day in the north-west coast of Spain when the Spanish nationalist cruiser, Almirante Cervera, six miles from the Spanish coast, attempted to prevent the British coaling steamer, Oakgrove, from nearing the coast.

The commander of the British cruiser, H.M.S. Shropshire, disputed the right of the Spanish cruiser, citing the refusal of the British Government to recognise the six mile limit claimed by the Spanish cruiser. The Almirante Cervera then let the British steamer through, the Oakgrove finally making Santander.

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INSURGENT THREAT

Paris, April 28.

Vessels of the Spanish nationalist fleet will find themselves obliged to open fire on any British warship in the event of their continuing to accompany merchant ships flying the British flag and attempting to run the blockade in Bilbao, stated that Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish nationalist army, General Queipo de Llano in a broadcast message this evening.

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H.M.S. OAK ON SCENE

London, April 28.

To protect British shipping in north Spanish waters, the battleship, H.M.S. Royal Oak has arrived in La Rochelle to replace H.M.S. Hood which has been recalled in order to take part in the Coronation Review. The Royal Oak is commanded by Rear-Admiral Ramsay.

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SHIP GETS THROUGH

London, April 28.

The "Sheah Barth" is the seventh English ship to enter the republican port of Bilbao. The "Sheah Barth" was accompanied up to the limit of the three mile zone by a British destroyer, whereupon the nationalist Spanish cruiser, "Espana," which was in close attendance on the English vessel suddenly left in a westerly direction.

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London, April 28.  
Their Majesties the King and Queen celebrated the 14th anniversary of their wedding on Monday. The Bells of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where Their Majesties are in residence, were rung.—British Wireless Service.

## ANOTHER WORLD CONFERENCE?

Van Zeeland's Report  
Awaited

London, April 28.

His Majesty's Government consider that before any steps are taken to summon a further world conference, a thorough and comprehensive investigation is required to ascertain that there is every prospect of success.

In repeating this statement in a House of Commons answer, Lord Cranborne recalled that his Majesty's Government and the French Government had recently invited the Prime-Minister of Belgium to undertake informal enquiries as to the possibility of securing a general relaxation of the obstacles to international trade.

Monsieur van Zeeland has been good enough to accept this invitation and His Majesty's Government were of the opinion that results of his investigations should be awaited before the question of summoning a world conference was considered.

British Wireless.

## SITUATION IN SPAIN

House Of Commons  
Question

London, April 28.

When his attention was called in a House of Commons question as to the arrival of five British merchant ships at Bilbao over the week-end, Lord Cranborne replied that the experience of these ships did not indicate any change in the situation since the Government stated on April 20, that its information did not enable it to advise entering Bilbao, and that as regards the other ports such as Santander and Gijon, there was a degree of risk which might vary from day to day.

Replying to a question on the situation at Bilbao, with particular reference to the warship instance, the President of the Board of Trade recalled that the position was constantly under review by the Government.

British Wireless.

## COAL HANDICAPS TO BE REMOVED

London, April 28.

The abolition of the numerous obsolete rights and traditions, dating back to the middle ages, which have gravely handicapped British coalmining for over a century is about to be taken by the House of Commons which will vote £66.4 million to settle claims of the so-called "ground landlords," stated Mr. Stanley Baldwin in Parliament to-day.

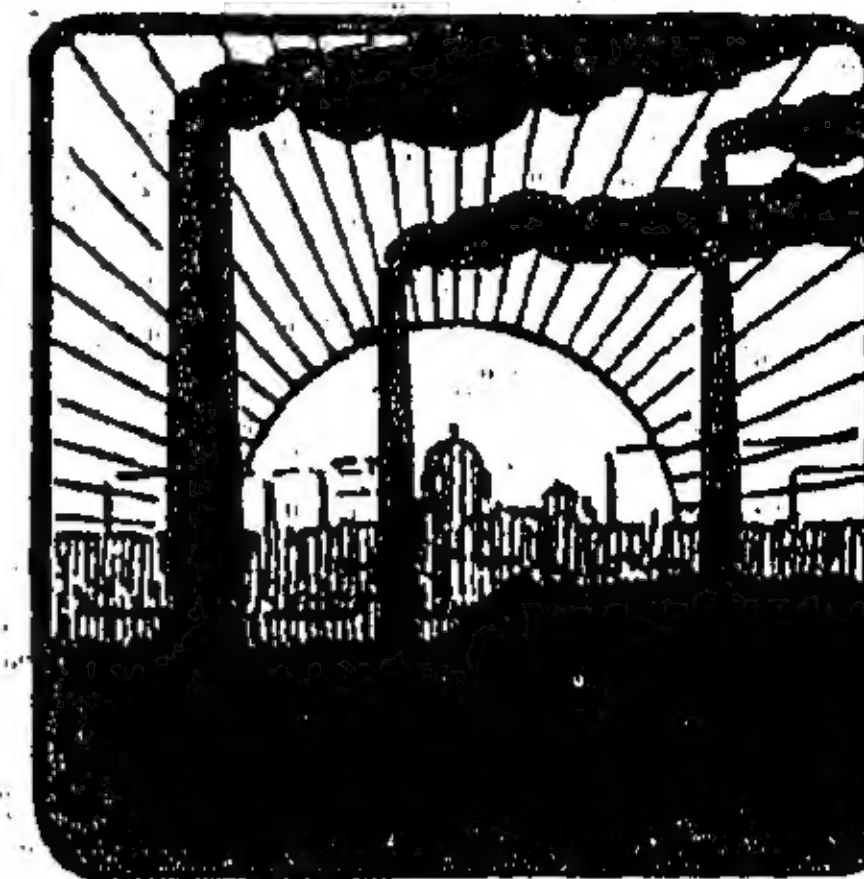
This rent has had to be paid hitherto irrespective of whether the coal mines are remunerative or not. The amount of indemnification is to be paid in each case by the special committee appointed for the purpose. Coal mines will be repaid by instalments, the money being advanced by the Government.

This is the first step towards the reorganisation of British coal mining on a rational basis and above all towards the resumption of work in mines which, through the existence of crushing ground rents, could not be made remunerative.

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## Charcoal Murder Case At Sessions

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though there were three possibilities, namely, fracture of the skull, intercranial haemorrhage resultant on the fracture, and asphyxiation from strangulation.

At an identification parade, the accused was identified by various witnesses.

### ACCUSED'S STATEMENT

Accused's statement in answer to the charge was as follows:—"Now I do not admit (the charge of) having killed this girl because I did not kill her with my own hand. I can admit (the fact of) having taken the deceased Cheung Yuk-ching up to the floor. When the deceased was murdered I was also present and witnessed (the murder). The reason why I took the deceased up to the floor was because I desired to get back certain written proof belonging to me in order to prevent her from taking legal proceedings against me. The way in which I (intended) to get back the written proof was to make her insensible by blowing upon her stupefying smoke and to get back the written proof without causing any danger to her life. The person I employed to apply the stupefying smoke was one called To Wai-man. He claimed that he had a kind of stupefying smoke with which he could stupefy anybody without causing danger to (his or her) life. He said it was necessary for him to apply (the smoke) with his own hand and that if I wanted to stupefy anybody he could do it for me. I promised to give him the sum of \$30 as 'tea money' for the recovery of the written proof. So he promised to do it for me. When the incident took place that day it was beyond my expectation. Instead of using the stupefying smoke he strangled her by using force and threatened me with menace. I was (therefore) compelled to submit to what he had done. He actually committed a murder and robbery. With a view to destroying the dead body he set fire to burn it. The reason why I did not make a noise was because the incident had taken place in my own house and people had seen me going up to the floor in company with the deceased. That was the reason why I did not dare to make a noise. At that time I did call out 'save life' and tell him to refrain from so doing. Unexpectedly he threatened me with a knife saying thus:—"If you make a noise (I will) stab you to death as well. For this reason I did not dare to make (any more) noise."

### GOVERNMENT ANALYST

The first witness, called was Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, and in cross-examination was shown a card containing Chinese characters. Mr. D'Almada pointed out that on the back of the card was a prescription which included datura stramonium and belladonna, both of which were leaves which could be used to make poison. Stramonium in the form of cigarettes was used as a cure for asthma and an overdose could cause death. Datura stramonium was used in India to stupefy victims before committing robberies.

Dr. R. S. Begbie gave medical evidence.

Mr. D'Almada: Would it be fair to say that gagging was the cause of death?—It was very unlikely.

Would it be fair to infer that the gag was placed on after death?—It would be very unlikely.

You would fairly say that asphyxia was brought about by strangulation?—Yes.

The hammer blow must have been of considerable violence before it could cause that injury?—Yes.

The clot of haemorrhage in the skull could not have been produced by a post mortem injury—It could not.

MORE

### CROWN'S SUBMISSIONS

Mr. Williams concluded:—"You will see that accused throws all the blame for what happened on To. To, he says, committed a murder and robbery, but his statement does not explain how accused came into possession of all the jewellery Sam Ku had with her—not merely a part of it but as far as we know the full amount in value over \$200. If To robbed her of the jewellery then he must have handed it over obediently to accused."

You will also recollect that Dr. Begbie in his examination found that the skull had been fractured on the left side, the fracture passing completely through the bone. In the region of this fracture was a blood-clot. From the presence of the blood-clot he formed the opinion that the fracture had been caused during life—it could have

been caused with this hammer found in the middle cubicle. Is it not more likely that Sam Ku was killed, not by the unaided efforts of To but by the combined efforts of To and accused one using a sash or his hands to strangle her whilst the other hit her on the head with the hammer.

It might be thought that no one in his senses would plot a murder on this floor where the accused's relatives might walk in at any moment. There was no place more suitable for the murder than an empty floor and it might have been difficult to lure Sam Ku to any other empty house. This one, being at accused's house, would not make Sam Ku suspicious. It was quite easy to lure her here perhaps by the pretext used by accused before, that his wife was going to pay her at his house.

### DECEASED LURED

On accused's own admission he lured her there to make her unconscious and get the documents. That involved a considerable amount of risk just as murder did. If it was suitable for one purpose it was suitable for the other. Everything connected with the actual killing could have been done in one of the cubicles. We know the murder was carried out whilst members of the family were in the vicinity yet none was attracted to the scene by any shout. It was only the burning of the body which led to the discovery.

I do not say that the plot was necessarily one to burn the body after the murder. Possibly the body was put in the box with the intention of removing it and dumping it elsewhere and then some hitch occurred. Accused knew he had been seen coming upstairs and this may have led to an alteration in their plans.

Even if you find yourselves unable to accept my contention that the plot was to murder, the accused I say is still guilty of murder even on his own statement—and you may be sure that accused has not revealed all his share in the killing.

Accepting accused's story we have a plot between accused and To to lure her to the floor, to use stupefying smoke on her until she became unconscious and then to steal these documents.

Let me tell you that such an offence is one of the most serious crimes known to our law, falling only short of murder. Administering chloroform or any other stupefying drug in order to steal anything of value from a person is punishable with imprisonment for life.

In law if two persons set out to carry out such a crime of violence and in the course of their common intention of carrying out their object one of them kills a person then each of them is guilty of murder. It does not matter in our case whether accused struck any blow at Sam Ku or inflicted any violence such as holding her throat. If the common intention was merely to give Sam Ku a mild beating and To then murdered her it would be a different matter. Accused would not be guilty of murder. If you are satisfied that she met her death from violence inflicted by either To or accused to enable them to carry out their plot and even though the violence was not intended then accused is guilty of murder. Even if you believe accused's story that he never expected To would use such violence the violence was clearly done in order that the documents could be obtained, which accused says was the plot.

Possibly accused did discuss with To the use of stupefying smoke but even if To did not use the smoke and instead used other methods of overcoming Sam Ku accused must take the consequences.

### INTERPRETER'S EVIDENCE

Wong Kam-hong, interpreter of Messrs. Hall and Brutton said:—"On the evening of December 17, accused came to my residence at Shamshuipo. After introducing himself to me as Chiu Yuk-fat, one of the sons of Mr. Chui Chun-po, my friend, he told me he was a draughtsman of the P.W.D. He told me how he got into trouble with a woman and asked for my advice. He said that sometime ago his girl friend, Cheung Sam-ku, decided to sue a certain person for a money loan. To recover this sum of money the debtor had to go to Macao."

"One day accused planned out a scheme to make a trip to Macao at the expense of Cheung Sam-ku. So he took out two sheets of letter paper belonging to the P.W.D. and wrote on them meaningless sen-

tences. Accused and one Au Wing accompanied Cheung Sam-ku to Macao on December 13. Cheung Sam-ku paying the travelling expenses. On arrival at Macao they stayed at a certain hotel and there they drank wine in the course of which accused became intoxicated and began to quarrel with Cheung Sam-ku, during which he snatched her handbag and tore up the P.W.D. document and threw it on the floor. The police came and picked up the fragments of the torn document had brought them to the police station where accused was detained overnight. The next morning he was released at the request of Cheung Sam-ku who told the police officers that she would like to prosecute accused in Hong Kong. So the P.W.D. document was returned to Cheung Sam-ku.

"They returned to the Colony on December 14. Accused learned that Cheung Sam-ku had already given instructions to Messrs. D'Almada and Co. to bring an action against him. Later Cheung Sam-ku consented to have the matter settled quietly."

### COMPENSATION SETTLED

"I next saw him at my office with three men and two women, one of whom was introduced to me as Cheung Sam-ku. Cheung Sam-ku agreed not to carry out the prosecution on condition that accused would pay her the damage she had suffered. Cheung Sam-ku insisted that accused's father should come and see her before settling the matter. Accused phoned his father who refused to come. The parties then left. I next saw the party on December 21 in my office, where they discussed the question of compensation. Cheung Sam-ku agreed to accept \$250 as settlement—\$150 for the fight in Macao, \$50 for legal expenses and \$50 for travelling expenses."

"On Dec. 27 accused and Cheung Sam-ku together with two friends came to my office, saying that they would like to settle the amount in my presence. Upon their instructions I drafted out two documents in Chinese and the compensation was settled, which consisted of a \$150 draft receipt and an I.O.U. of \$100 to be paid by the end of February. After they had signed them, I gave Cheung Sam-ku \$150 which was sent to me by accused's father. Cheung Sam-ku promised to return the P.W.D. documents as soon as she had got them back from the solicitors."

Mr. D'Almada. Before accused first went to see you his father telephoned you and asked you to look after this affair on his behalf?—Yes.

You took them to a solicitor, but later they decided that it would be better to have this matter settled in a friendly manner?—Yes.

After further evidence was given by Li Poon, Yuen Poon-chai, Cheung Woon, Chan Wan, Mo Kwai and Choy Sik-chun, the case was adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning.

### DONATION

The Hon. Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledges with grateful appreciation and thanks the receipt of the following donation to the Society's Funds.

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### MR. H. S. FITZROY

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, formerly Public Prosecutor and Assistant Attorney General, is at present in Hong Kong having arrived from Shanghai last week. Mr. Fitzroy was here from 1927 to 1932.

### POLICE TRANSFER

Inspector W. Mair, from Central, has been transferred to West Point as Divisional Inspector vice Inspector M.H. Bourlhan who is proceeding on home leave.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

A Drill Display given by all the classes of St. Mary's will take place in the school grounds to-day at 5 p.m. All parents, relations and friends of the pupils are cordially invited, as well as any one who takes an interest in the school. The function will last about an hour and a half. No formal invitations are issued.

## LADIES' DAY AT ROTARY CLUB

Distinguished Guests Attend

### A TALK ON MOROCCO

Ladies' Day at the Rotary Club yesterday was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, and Mrs. Smith, and the speaker of the day was Mr. J. B. Montargis, who chose as his subject, "The Land of the Setting Sun: Morocco."

There was a large number of ladies and guests present and at the conclusion of his talk Mr. Montargis was thanked, on behalf of the Club, by Prof. C. A. Middleton-Smith who made a very witty albeit short speech.

Before calling upon Mr. Montargis to address the gathering, Major R. D. Walker, president of the Rotary Club, thanked His Excellency and Mrs. Smith for their presence and expressed the hope that the Club would have the honour of their presence more often in the future. He also extended a welcome to M. Lourquin, Consul-General for France and also to two visiting Rotarians, Messrs. Eveleigh, of Shanghai, and Raymond of Swatow.

### MOROCCO

In addressing the gathering, Mr. Montargis said:—

"We Rotarians are supposed to address the Club only on subjects that we know and we love, with the object 'to serve.' I do not think I could choose to-day a better one than Morocco, the 'Far West of the Muslim world. How do we get there? By rail, by boat, by plane; in days, in a few hours. By rail, from Bordeaux, via Madrid, Algiers and Tangiers; by boat, from Marseilles to Tangiers and Casablanca, or from Bordeaux to Casablanca; by plane, from Toulouse to Tangiers and Casablanca."

A few years ago, we went there through Spain and arrived at Ceuta, from Algiers and Gibraltar. Last year, we decided, for many reasons of which you can imagine a few, we took the longest way, 'le chemin des écoliers.'"

### ROMANTIC TLEMCEEN

We left one morning Tlemcen, en route to Morocco. Tlemcen is a romantic city, three thousand feet high, at the foot of precipitous reddish cliffs, once a city of 150,000 inhabitants, full of historical remains once a Roman camp, once the capital of an Arab Kingdom, the centre of barter between Europe and the interior of Africa. The natives, Muslims or Jews, have maintained at best their racial originalities. I can but recommend this way of reaching Morocco, if you are not too much pressed by time. It will repay you a thousand times and you will be amazed by the changes and contrasts both in nature and people."

Thirty years have passed since the signature of the 'Anglo-French Declaration' concerning Egypt and Morocco, decided the political orientation of France and Great Britain and laid the foundation of the Entente Cordiale which was to have such momentous consequences, and is still stronger to-day."

### OLD TOWNS UNTOUCHED

The old towns have been left untouched; modern towns have been built, one or two miles away, 5,000 miles of perfect roads; ports have been constructed on a coast known for the violence of the ocean that breaks upon it; railways that make possible the journey by sleeping-car from Tangiers to Marrakech and from Marrakech to Algiers and Tunis."

### JOURNEY DESCRIBED

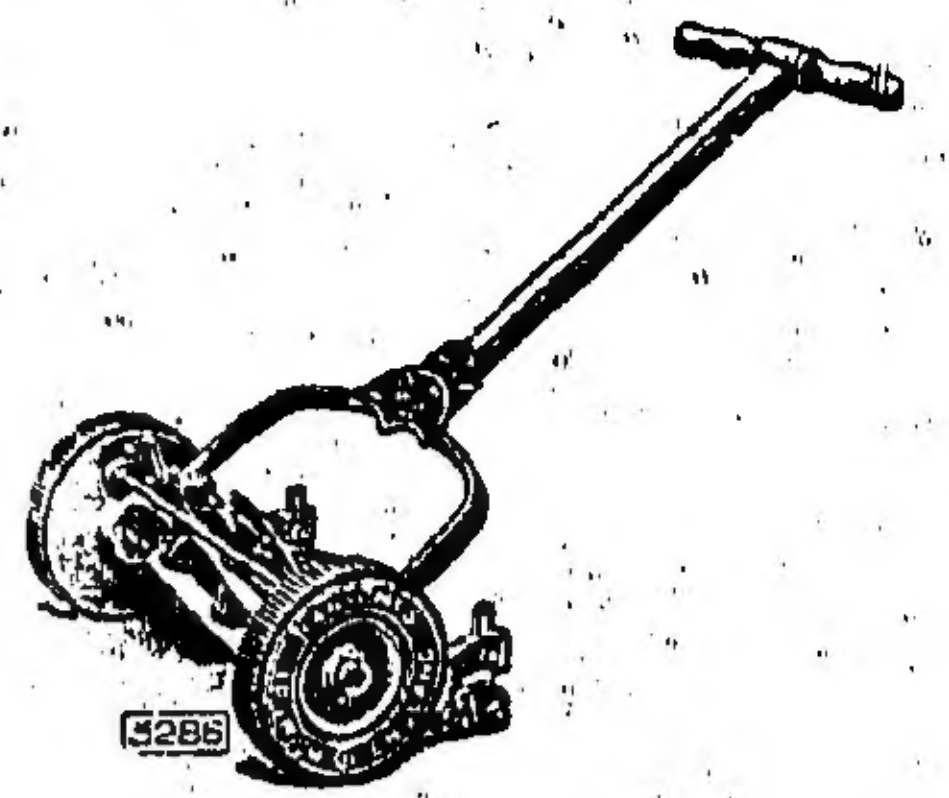
Mr. Montargis then went on to describe the journey in detail, giving a graphic picture of all the sights, people and conditions encountered on each "station."

### 1930 JOURNEY RECALLED

Continuing, Mr. Montargis said:—"In 1930, when we could cross Spain, we landed at Ceuta, in Spanish Morocco, and visited Tetuan, with its thick walls flanked with square towers, one of the finest sites you can imagine; Tangiers, an ideal residence for the winter, with its grand and petit socco, its crescent of blue sea, old walls and Kasbs, its white houses with terraces, and hundreds of European villas and cottages hidden by the green vegetation. Ouzane, a holy city, a true Moroccan 'Mecca' and a place of pilgrimage for the Jews, in a majestic panorama, which you could not visit at the time without a pass from the military authorities."

And I have no time to tell you of Asrou, Ifrane, two cities of winter-sports and cedars in the

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## URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

Two Applications Refused

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Applications for a laundry licence at No. 100 Pei Ho Street, and for an offensive trade licence for No. 198, Hai Tan Street, ground floor, were refused.

The Chairman (Mr. R. R. Todd): There is just one other matter I would like to mention. I had hoped to put forward the amendment of the Dairy and Milk-Shop By-laws making pasteurisation compulsory. Unfortunately, the Crown Solicitor has been very busy this last week and I have only just received the draft amendment and these will be circulated immediately.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Todd, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Inspector General of Police), Hon. Dr. Li Shu Fan, Hon. Mr. S. N. Chau, Messrs. F. O. Hall, L. C. F. Bellamy, A. el Arculi, B. Wong Tape, C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Im Ping Tseng (Assistant Secretary).

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The Fifty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 18th May, 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1936.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th to the 18th May, 1937, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th April, 1937.

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### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 1st May, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th April, 1937.

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### COLONY SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Osmund And Antonio Win

A. J. Osmund the Colony billiard champion, defeated E. A. Noronha in their Open Snooker Championship of the Colony encounter at the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Canteen last night by scores of 165 to 102, Osmund making the highest break of 28.

In the other Open Snooker Championship encounter played at the Chief Petty Officers' and Petty Officers' Mess last night, L. V. Antonio, the Colony Junior League billiard champion defeated G. M. P. Remedios by scores of 168 to 122.

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## The Daily Press

HONG KONG, APRIL 28, 1937.

### BRITAIN'S PREMIER

Mr. Baldwin's wish to lay down the high office of Prime Minister before he felt himself growing unequal to its tasks has been discussed for months, but it was characteristic of the man that the first formal public announcement of impending retirement should be made to the electors who had been his unwavering supporters for nearly 30 years. The time will presently come to assess the contribution that Mr. Baldwin has made to the history of his party and his country, but that moment is not yet. He remains Prime Minister and member for Bewdley until the hour at which, by his own choice, he makes way for his successors. But this may be said now; the voluntary surrender of the Premiership, in doubt, whether he is equal to the burdens that its holder must carry, is marked by that willing suppression of self to national interests that has characterised his whole career. When the time of parting comes he will carry into retirement the affection of his party and the hope that he may be long spared to enjoy the greater leisure that he seeks.

Mr. Baldwin has acknowledged that his constituents' loyalty to himself and to political principle has made his career possible. Nothing is less easy to estimate than the part that electoral vicissitudes play in making or hindering success in Parliament.

To be able to feel, as Mr. Baldwin could, that whatever happened elsewhere the confidence and affection of those who returned him to Parliament never wavered is an element of strength denied to many who have attained high office. The unbroken association of the Chamberlains with Birmingham and of Mr. Lloyd George with Carnarvon are other outstanding cases of men who, having found honour among their own folk, have been enabled to give their whole lives to the State. While these close and friendly associations survive, with electors having pride in those who represent them and members drawing confidence from support on which they can depend, the future of democratic government in Britain should not be in doubt.

Very few men in high office have shown themselves more receptive of new thought than Mr. Baldwin. He is certainly not open to the charge that he condemns without full consideration, forms of Government with which he has had official dealings for years past. He spoke with experience when he said that rule which is established by force must be maintained by force, and that in that respect there cannot be any real difference between Communism and Fascism. The danger of either of these political creeds obtaining a firm foothold in Britain is perhaps less than it was. Events on the Continent in the past few years have not been lost on the British people, who have seen how specious theory loses its glamour in practice.

### NEW ZEALAND SALMON-FISHING

Christchurch, N.Z. — Excellent catches continue to be made in the Rangitikei and Otago Rivers, in Canterbury. Many fish between 20 lb. and 25 lb. continue to be taken, while 7 lb. to 9 lb. trout are quite common.

### DUTY FREE RICE TO CANTON

Canton, April 27.

After considerable delay, the Canton Customs to-day gave out permits for the import of rice to this port duty free up to 1,000,000 piculs.

Junks, steamers and tow-boats are arriving here from Hong Kong with large shipments of rice. They were held up in Hong Kong for over three weeks, and rice merchants have sustained a loss of about \$350,000.

High officials here are unanimous that unless foreign rice is imported here duty free, the price level will continue to soar. The delay in importing the rice from Hong Kong was due to the opposition of rice dealers in Hunan, Hubei, Kiangsi and Anhwei, who planned to control the Kwangtung rice markets.

Union News.

### NANKING TO FIRE GUN SALUTE

Nanking, Apr. 27.

In deference to the Coronation ceremony in London on May 12, the Executive Yuan to-day handed down a ruling that commemorating service for the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Hu Han-min on the same day will be held on May 10 throughout the country.

Mr. Hu Han-min, chairman of the standing committee of the Central Executive Committee, died in Canton on May 12, 1936.

On May 12, Nanking officials will celebrate the Coronation of King George VI by firing of guns in salute and other felicitations as a mark of Sino-British friendship.

Union News.

### BIRTH

INNES.—On April 20, 1937, in Tientsin, to Eileen (nee Trull), wife of P. J. A. Innes, a daughter.

### MARRIAGE

BRUNNER-STADTMANN.—At the Swiss Consulate, Shanghai by the Consul-General, Mr. E. Lardy, on April 19, 1937, and at St. Pierre's Church, by Father P. Moore, on April 21, 1937, Thelma Dolores Stadtmann, of Zurich, Switzerland, to Alfred Ulrich Brunner, of Zurich, Switzerland.

### DEATH

WALKER.—On April 22, 1937, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Lily Clara, aged 71 years, dearly-loved wife of Sergeant T. R. Walker, S.M.P., and sister of Thomas, William and Robert Murray, Mrs. Hannah Keane and Mrs. Nora McDonald.

GOWLAND.—On April 9, 1937, suddenly, at Bexhill-on-Sea, Cora Min, widow of Tom Greaves Gowland, of Amoy, China, aged 63.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Marcel Darre, who died April 23, 1936.

## NEWS OF THE SERVICES

### ROYAL NAVY

Captain H. E. C. Blagrove, hitherto Naval Assistant to the Second Sea Lord, is appointed from Apr. 12 to command H.M.S. Sussex, in the 1st Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet. He will succeed Captain S. S. Bonham-Carter, C.V.O., D.S.O., who has commanded this ship since July, 1933, part of the time in Australia when she was lent on exchange to the Commonwealth Navy. The Sussex is at present refitting at Chatham.

### TWO LAUNCHES

Two important ships will be launched for the Navy in the private yards, the cruiser Manchester on Monday by Hawthorn, Leslie and Co. at Hebburn-on-Tyne, and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal (the first large carrier to have been originally designed as such) on Tuesday by Cammell, Laird and Co. Birkenhead.

### LAUNCHES THIS SUMMER

H.M.S. Gurkha, building by the Fairfield Company at Govan, is to be launched on June 7, and will probably be the first of the seven Tribal class destroyers of the 1935 programme to take the water. The Afridi and Cossack, building by Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, Walker-on-Tyne, are also to be launched in June; the Maori (Fairfield) and Mohawk (Thornycroft) in July; the Zulu (Stephen and Sons, Govan) in August; and the Nubian (Thornycroft) in September.

During May the Gleaner, a minesweeper for surveying duties, will be launched by Messrs. Wm. Gray & Co., West Hartlepool, and the Leda, minesweeper, at Devonport Dockyard. The escort vessel Bittern, building by J. Samuel White and Co., Cowes, is to be launched in June, and the minesweeper Gossamer, building by W. Hamilton and Co., Port Glasgow, in July.

### FLEET STAFF ALLOWANCE

It is announced in Fleet Orders that engineer captains and paymaster captains appointed as Fleet engineer and Fleet accountant officers are to receive as from January 20, 1937, an allowance of 8s. a day, irrespective of seniority, while actually so employed. Where such officers are of less than three years' seniority the allowance is inclusive of that of 4s. a day payable to junior engineer and paymaster captains under existing regulations.

Capt. F. R. Barry will join the cruiser Dorsetshire when she recommissions, on conclusion of her fit, for further service on the China station. For the past two years Capt. Barry has been at the Portsmouth Tactical School.

### APPOINTMENTS

Engr. Cdr. G. F. Taylor to Tamar (April 19). A. Holt to Tamar (June 4).

### THE ARMY

The Army Council has approved the wearing by officers of a coloured field service cap with mess dress and on other informal occasions, instead of the forage cap which is present prescribed.

The new cap is a folding one, similar in shape to the Glengarry, about 4½ in high and 3½ in across the top. It has a folding peak at the front and flaps at the side to let down, which, when folded, fasten up at the front with two small buttons. The colour of the cap, crown and piping will be decided by Colonels Commandants or Colonels of regiments and corps, while the badge and buttons will be the authorized regimental pattern. The maintenance of the cap is voluntary and will be in addition to, and not in substitution of, the forage cap.

### NEW TANK BATTALION

It is notified in a Special Army Order, issued recently, that the King has approved the formation of an additional battalion of the Royal Tank Corps, to be designated 7th Battalion, Royal Tank Corps.

The new battalion, the formation of which was foreshadowed by Mr. Duff Cooper on Army Estimates, will be stationed at Caterick. It is being formed on the 4th Battalion, the nucleus of the new battalion being drawn from all the battalions of the Royal Tank Corps in this country. Later the 4th Battalion will move to Farnborough.

### R.E. VACANCIES

The War Office is inviting applications from qualified engineers for a number of temporary Regular commissions in the Royal Engineers. These commissions are to be granted for a period of five years, after which a very limited number of permanent commissions may be granted to specially selected officers. The initial appointment will be in the rank of second lieutenant, with promotion to lieutenant after three years' service. Candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 27 on August 29 next.

Payr. Cdr. A. R. Henderson to Tamar (May 21).

### PROMOTIONS

Act. Payr. Sub-Lt. W. C. F. Grant-Dalton and G. S. Bucknall, to rank of Payr. Sub-Lt. (seny. respectively July 1 and September 1, 1938); J. G. Phillips, H. M. de B. Lipscomb, J. P. K. Harkness, N. E. Summers, and J. G. West, to rank of Payr. Sub-Lt. (seny. Oct. 1, 1938); E. D. Price, R. D. M. W. Thomas-Ferrand, G. E. L. Kitson, and R. H. Garwood, to rank of Payr. Sub-Lt. (seny. Nov. 1, 1938); and P. C. Elliot, to rank of Payr. Sub-Lt. (seny. Jan. 1).

Cd. Bosna-T. G. Brockway and A. F. Brown, to rank of Lt. (seny. respectively Feb. 4 and March 24).

### ROYAL AIR FORCE

It is announced in Air Ministry Orders that No. 30 (Balloon Barrage) Group formed in the Fighter Command on March 17. The group will command the balloon depots and balloon barrage units on formation, and its headquarters will temporarily be located at those of No. 6 (Auxiliary) Group, 33-34, Tavistock Place, W.C.1.

It is proposed to create 10 special units of the Auxiliary Air Force to operate a balloon barrage in connection with the defence scheme for the London area. The delivery of balloons began before the end of 1936.

### OBSERVER CORPS POSTS

The April Air Force List shows that Air Commodore A. L. Godman, C.M.G., D.S.O., retired, has been appointed Observer Group Officer for the new No. 9 Group, Observer Corps and that Captain K. F. Sworer, D.S.O., R.N., retired, has succeeded Colonel M. O. Clarke, D.S.O., retired, in charge of No. 17 Group.

### FAIR EAST COMMAND

Squadron Leader J. N. Boothman, A.F.C., from Coastal Command headquarters, has been appointed to the Far East Command for air staff duties. He was awarded the A.F.C. for his work as a member of the Schneider Trophy team in 1931, in which year the trophy was won outright by this country. His connection with the R.A.F. dates from March, 1921, when he was granted a short-service commission, but during 1918, at the age of 17, he served as a voluntary motor-driver with the French Red Cross in the Balkans, and received the Croix de Guerre. He has held a permanent commission since 1928 and graduated at the Staff College in 1935.

### STAFF COLLEGE EXAMINATION

The following officers passed the R.A.F. Staff College qualifying examination held in January. Selection of officers to attend the next staff course will shortly be made, and the names will be promulgated in May.

Squadron Leaders G. B. Beardsworth, P. S. Blockey, C. S. Cadell, J. M. Cohn, R. Costa, J. G. Franks, G. W. Hayes; Flight Lieutenants J. E. M. Bainbridge, G. Bartholomew, L. C. Bennett, S. L. Bunt, F. J. St. G. Brathwaite, H. Broadhurst, L. W. Cannon, E. A. Casey, J. C. Cunningham, A. E. Dark, C. W. Dicken, E. Ford, H. P. Fraser, R. K. Hamblin, E. C. Hudleston, W. H. Hutton, D. W. Lane, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, P. J. Mole (Equipment Branch), R. R. Nash, G. J. C. Paul, H. V. Satterly, J. N. T. Stephenson, R. W. K. Stevens, R. C. Storror (Equipment Branch), H. G. Wheeler, R. C. Wilson, P. R. Worthington; Flying Officer H. A. Sudbury (Equipment Branch).

### "HONEYMOON LINER"

#### Two Brides On The Rawalpindi

Two brides-to-be are among the passengers aboard the P. and O. liner Rawalpindi which is due to arrive to-day from London, via ports.

They are Miss Florie Plowman, of No. 134, Douglass Road, Tottenham, who is to be married to Lance-Sergeant G. R. Grant, of the Seaforth Highlanders, and Miss Grace Tubell, of Brampton, Huntingdon, England, who is to become the bride of Mr. A. E. Banks, of the Hong Kong Police Force.

Both weddings will take place within a few days, the former at the Hong Kong Union Church and the latter at St. John's Cathedral.

### FATE OF SIAN REBEL LEADERS

Nanking, Apr. 27.

It is stated that General Yang Hu-chen, former rebellious Pacification Commissioner of Shensi Province, will fly from Sian to Nanking to report to the Nanking Central Government to-morrow, so as to enable the necessary arrangements to be made for his departure abroad on a mission of military investigation.

General Yang Hu-chen is expected to depart from Shanghai some time next month.

Chinese Evening Press.

### RADIOPHONE

#### Malaya Link Tested In London

The tests for the new telephone service from London to Malaya have proved satisfactory and it should be in full operation before the end of the year.

There are 34,000,000 telephone subscribers in the world and soon it will be possible to obtain direct communication from Malaya with any that are desired, with London as the central link.

A Post Office official said that at present 95 per cent of the subscribers can be reached by telephone from any home in England. The remaining 5 per cent are in China and Malaya.

"We expect British subscribers will be able to telephone to Malaya and Shanghai before the end of this year," said the official. "The technical preparations are finished, and the tests have proved satisfactory. Only the signatures of the countries concerned are now required. Direct services from Shanghai to Berlin and San Francisco are planned, as well as to London."

### BIBLE UNION MEETING

The members of the Bible Union of China held a meeting at the Kowloon Emmanuel Church yesterday evening, during which the Rev. P. Gunther of Siam gave an interesting lecture on "The History of the Bible in Siam." A large number of people attended.

### MONKEY UP TO TRICKS

#### Cause Alarm Among Fair Sex

Canton, Apr. 27.

Yesterday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock, a strange thing happened in the Hu Han Min Gardens, where some monkeys are kept for the attraction of visitors. These monkeys have always been chained to the trees, but owing to rust caused by rain and exposure, one of the monkeys broke his chain and escaped.

This mischievous monkey jumped to the earth, and started to pursue all the women and girls he saw, causing the greatest consternation amongst the fair sex.

The guards at once used their big bamboo hats and baskets to trap the monkey, but the monkey was so quick and cunning that he climbed up another tree and evaded capture.

But this tree was already occupied by another monkey, and thinking that the trespasser had come to occupy his tree, both monkeys started to fight and bite each other.

The fight lasted for five minutes, when the trespassing monkey was defeated and fell with a heavy thud to the ground. But, as soon as he saw the women and girls, he at once started to pursue them again with the most amusing antics!

Not until the monkey was recaptured by the guards was the exciting incident ended.

Chinese Evening Press.

## JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN CHINA

#### Figures For Various Industries

Shanghai, Apr. 27.

Japan's investments in China during 1936 are estimated to have totalled about \$17,000,000 according to a report received by the Osaka office of the Commerce and Industry Ministry from Hankow. Taking advantage of China's economic construction, initiated by the Nanking Government, the Powers' investments in that country are increasing.

Japan is not an exception to the rule. Speaking of the cotton spinning industry, the Kung-Dah Cotton Spinning Company, one of the members of the Japanese Cotton Mill-Owners' Association in China, invested \$400,000 in factory expansion. Other investments in the spinning industry amounted to \$370,000 by the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Company, Toyoda Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Japan-China Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company and Yu-Fong Cotton Spinning Company, all belonging to the same association. The \$1,370,000 is their direct investment in spinning and weaving mill expansion. If their investments in land, machine purchase and others are added, the total is estimated at \$6,470,000, which is nearly half of the total investments by Japan in China for 1936.

Investments in the metal industry by Japanese are said to have totalled \$1,250,000. Leading investors were the Makayama Steel Works, Asia Steel Business Company, Shanghai Electro-Chemical Company and others. Eight Japanese companies invested \$510,000 in the embarkation or expansion of the dyestuff manufacturing industry in China last year.

Union News.

## BRITISH PLAYERS ON VIEW

London, April 28.

The British Davis Cup players are appearing in the British Hard-court Championship which opened at Bournemouth to-day.

Perry, who has held the title for the last five years, is not, of course, defending it, but E. W. Austin, who last won the event in 1929, played brilliantly to beat F. R. Stroud, a clever player recently returned home from Burma in straight sets of 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

A blow to British hopes has been dealt in the women's championship, Miss Kay Stammers, winner of the title for the last two years, having been forced to scratch owing to an attack of gastric influenza.

Reuter.

### TO TRY AGAIN

New York, Apr. 28.

Mrs. Ambella Earhart Putnam has disclosed the fact that she is starting on another attempt to fly round the world from Burbank, California, by May 1.

It will be recalled that the noted aviatrix recently started out on a round-the-world flight, accompanied by a navigator, but crashed at Hawaii. The machine, was badly damaged, but was later sent back to San Francisco.



## AIR RAID HORRORS IN SPAIN

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN AMONG THE DEAD

#### Forlorn Inhabitants Seeking Relatives

Bilbao, April 27.

Guernica, ancient capital of the Basque country, has been entirely blotted out and 100 civilians have been killed, as a result of a prolonged air bombardment, allegedly by German planes. The town is a blazing mass of ruins.

It is estimated that over a thousand high explosive bombs in addition to incendiary bombs were dropped on the city. The exact number of dead has not been ascertained yet, but it includes many women and children.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO ESCAPED TO THE FIELDS WERE SYSTEMATICALLY FOLLOWED AND MACHINE-GUNNED FROM THE AIR.

The raid lasted five and a half hours, after which the firemen and salvage workers were helpless as the whole town was ablaze and most of the streets were impassable. Fifty women and children were trapped and incinerated in a bomb-proof shelter.

The burned out streets were paced continually by forlorn inhabitants seeking their relatives. Many of the survivors slept on piles of belongings in the open squares awaiting evacuation which the Basque Government is pushing on with all the resources at hand.

The roads from the town were filled with streams of walking peasants and lines of lorries. All the Basque ministers visited the town where rescue work is dangerous owing to the continual fall of masonry.—*Reuter.*

#### MADRID SHELLED AGAIN

Madrid, April 26.

The city suffered a further heavy bombardment to-day, the shells falling in many central street and squares. A number have been killed and wounded, and the total is believed to be considerable.

A big explosion occurred near the Cortes building. It is estimated that 10 to 15 persons were killed and about 50 wounded in the shelling of the city to-day.

The bombardment stopped this afternoon after Government aircraft had bombed the insurgent batteries.—*Reuter.*

#### COURT SETS ASIDE SENTENCE

Washington, Apr. 26.

The Supreme Court has set aside the sentence of from 18 to 20 years' penal servitude imposed in 1932 on Angelo Herndon, a negro Communist organizer.

The court ruled that the interpretation by the Georgia Courts of the State law of 1871, prohibiting insurrection against the State, had been unconstitutional, and that the statute violated the guarantees of liberty embodied in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

The State said that Communist literature found in Herndon's possession advocated the establishment of "a black belt Republic" in the South after the seizure of all lands belonging to whites.

Herndon, who is at present free on bail, contended that there was no evidence that he advocated violence or other unlawful acts.—*Reuter.*

#### YUKON TERRITORY ACQUIRED

Victoria, Apr. 23.

Mr. T. D. Pattullo, the Premier of British Columbia, to-day announced the conclusion of an agreement with the Dominion Government by which his province would acquire the vast Yukon territory.

If the British Columbia Legislature approves, the Yukon Territory will be absorbed into the jurisdiction of the province, making British Columbia second only in size to Quebec.

At the present time the Yukon Territory is administered from Ottawa, the federal capital, just as the great Northwest Territory, too sparsely settled and too vast to support its own administration, must be policed and governed by the Dominion. But British Colum-

#### BRITISH CRUISER INTERVENES

London, April 26.

It is learned that the British cruiser Shropshire to-day refused to allow the insurgent cruiser Admiralante Cervera the right to stop a British ship, laden with coal, six miles off the Spanish coast.

It is understood there was an exchange of messages between the warships and that the Shropshire declined to recognise the six-mile limit for Spanish territorial waters claimed by the Admiralante Cervera.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

#### BRITISH STEAMER STOPPED

Gibraltar, April 27.

The British steamer Greathope, bound from Gibraltar to Antwerp, has been stopped by insurgent armed trawlers a few hours after she left Gibraltar, according to a reliable authority.

The Greathope arrived here yesterday morning from Valencia.—*Reuter.*

Gibraltar: The Greathope has resumed her voyage. The British cruiser London left Tangier this morning and will be in the Straits of Gibraltar until the Greathope is clear. The vessel is carrying a cargo of fruit from Valencia to Antwerp.—*Reuter.*

Bilbao, April 26.

Another British ship has reached Bilbao. She is the Newcastle freighter Sheafgarth.—*Reuter.*

#### BUS DISPUTE TALKS

London, April 26.

The bus dispute was to-day the subject of a five hours' discussion at the Ministry of Labour, where at the invitation of the Ministry the chief representatives of the Transport Board and the Workers' Union met during the afternoon.

After two hours' talk the parties decided to hold separate discussions. It is understood, with regard to certain proposals made by a representative of the Ministry.

The conference adjourned at 9 o'clock until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The position is now regarded as being somewhat more hopeful. The mere fact of an adjournment is considered to be an indication that since the parley has not broken down there is still a chance of settlement.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

#### SETTLEMENT HOPES

London, April 27.

Hopes of settlement in the London omnibusesmen's dispute on the subject of a 74-hour working duty were considered to have improved last night after discussions in which both sides were brought together by invitation of the Minister of Labour in the presence of Ministry officials.

The discussions lasted for about five hours and the conference adjourned until this afternoon. The newspapers state that the Ministry suggests a public inquiry into all circumstances of the dispute.—*British Wireless.*

Plans, neighbours of the Yukon, appreciate the possibilities in that famous and romantic land, scene of the great Klondike gold rush of 1897 to 1899.

In future, the Yukon will probably become just another district of British Columbia's vast interior, administered from this quiet city, Victoria, a thousand miles away.—*Reuter.*

## ANGLO-BELGIAN TALKS

### Statement Issued At Close

Brussels, April 27.

At the conclusion of the Anglo-Belgian conversations M. Spaak read a communique stating that Mr. Eden, M. van Zeeland and he examined the principal problems of the moment of mutual concern, especially questions relating to strengthening European peace and particularly the elaboration of a new pact of security for Western Europe, also economic questions connected with the mission where-with M. van Zeeland was recently entrusted.

The Minister added that the discussions which did not amount to negotiations, took place in a particularly cordial atmosphere and enabled great conformity between Anglo-Belgian viewpoints to be noted.

Mr. Eden returned to London this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

## 1000 GUINEAS

### Probable Starters And Jockeys

London, Apr. 27.

The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the 1,000 Guineas to be run over a mile on April 30:

Penicuk (Gordon Richards), Gliding (Weston), Kind Kitty (Cliff Richards), Spray (Pat Beasley), Sweet Content (Foster), Pack Ice (Perryman), Fair Maud (Sam Wragg), Colette Baudouche (Elliot), Gainsborough Lass (E. Smith), Celestial Way (Carlake), Field Fare (Sibbritt), First Flight (Marshall), Lover's Path (Strett), Lotus (Harry Wragg), Exhibitionist (Steve Donoghue), Lady of Milan (Jones).

E.C.B., Daring Duchess, Frog March, Black Lashes and Burlington Lass have not yet been assigned jockeys.—*Reuter.*

## HONG KONG RUBBER FOOTWEAR

### Another Question In Commons

London, April 27.

In the House of Commons to-day, Major B. H. Nevens Spence (Con., Orkney), drew attention to the export to Britain of rubber footwear manufactured in Hong Kong and enquired how many persons would be directly employed in Britain if footwear were manufactured here.

Mr. Walter Runciman stated that the imports in 1933 of Hong Kong rubber footwear amounted to 294,000 dozens. He was unable to state how many persons would be employed if footwear were manufactured in Britain.—*Reuter.*

## INDIAN STORES IN ABYSSINIA

### Freedom Of Action To Negotiate Sale

London, Apr. 27.—Lord Cranborne in the House of Commons to-day said that the Italian authorities have now agreed to allow Mohammed Ali freedom of action to negotiate the sale of its stores in Abyssinia to Italian interests. The time limit for employees to remain in Abyssinia has been extended to end of May and the restriction on sales of its goods have been lifted.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

## FRANCE'S GENERAL POLICY

Paris, Apr. 26.

The Cabinet has agreed to a Chamber debate on general policy on April 30.

After a Cabinet meeting to-day, M. Vincent Auriol, Finance Minister, stated that the Treasury situation was satisfactory, and the Government had no intention of issuing any long-term loan other than that offered on March 11.

It is learned that there is no question of launching a special loan of £100,000,000 for financing a scheme of public works, as demanded by the French Trade Unions Congress.—*Reuter.*

## EGYPT DIGGING IN THEIR TOES

### French Demands At Montreux

Montreux, April 27.

There are signs that the Egyptians are digging in their toes to the French demands which caused an unexpected hitch in the smooth sailing at the conference.

In plain terms apart from technicalities, the French demand Egypt to conclude a convention how to regulate the position of French subjects and proteges at the end of the transitional period. They fear that whereas the British position is adequately protected by the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, France's century-old interests in Egypt might become the target of nationalist fanaticism, possibly stimulated by propaganda of a rival power.

It is rumoured that M. de Tessen personally dislikes the French proposal, but a powerful French Company on the backstairs is exerting pressure on him.

The Egyptians object to the French demands which far transcend the conditions proper between sovereign powers and in any wise may only amount to maintenance of capitulatory privileges in a different form. They are willing to negotiate treaties on a friendly footing with all powers, but the capitulations question must come first. They have no available staff at Montreux to undertake the wide matters involved in the French wishes.

M. de Tessen is returning to-day. The General Committee meets to-morrow. Neutral observers believe that France cannot afford to embitter Egyptian feeling in the face of the too implacable opposition.—*Reuter.*

## NO NEWS OF AIRMAN

### Brook Overdue At Kisumu

London, Apr. 27.

No news has been received of the airman H. L. Brook since he left Khartoum despite inquiries at Kisumu, Nairobi. He was due to reach Kisumu at 4 p.m. B.S.T. yesterday.

Brook started from Gravesend at 5.52 a.m. Sunday in an attempt to break the England to Cape and back record set by Mrs. Army Molison.—*Reuter.*

#### ANXIETY ALLAYED

Juba, Sudan, Apr. 27.

The anxiety over Brook has been allayed by his arrival here at 6.15 a.m. B.S.T.

Brook explained that he was forced down in a thunderstorm near Bor, a hundred miles north of Juba, where he broke a tail wheel and then took off again for Juba. He is now trying to repair the wheel and hopes to take off for Kisumu this afternoon.

The airman is now almost twenty four hours behind schedule.—*Reuter.*

#### BROADBENT'S ATTEMPT

Port Darwin, Apr. 27.

The Australian airman, H. F. Broadbent, took off at 6.45 a.m. C.M.T. in an attempt to beat the Australia to England record established by H. L. Brook.—*Reuter.*

## Mr. Eden Confers With Belgian Premier

London, April 26.

Long and important diplomatic conversations were recorded in two European capitals to-day, though the nature of them has not been disclosed.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was closeted for two hours and 40 minutes with M. Paul van Zeeland, Prime Minister of Belgium, and M. Paul Spaak, Foreign Minister. They met at the Prime Minister's office during the morning.

After lunch, Mr. Eden had another talk with M. van Zeeland at the British Embassy.

The British Minister will see M. Spaak alone to-morrow morning and then all three will meet together again to-morrow afternoon.

## JAPAN'S NEW APPROACH

### Views Of 'Manchester Guardian'

London, April 27.

Japan's new approach to China is strikingly featured in a leader in the "Manchester Guardian" succinctly detailing the contrast of Japanese supremacy in 1931 with China's extraordinary revival and the formidable resuscitation of Russian strength in the Far East.

The journal says that when General Hayashi formed the Government in February even the Army realized it would be prudent to try a new approach. Despite the military rebuke to Mr. Sato for his declarations of policy towards China on March 8 and 9, "sweeping aside the whole work of his predecessors," other and more reliable signs make it clear that the Japanese rulers have really decided to adopt a more moderate policy towards China and a more conciliatory attitude towards the world at large.

"The truth is that events over which the Japanese have no control have forced a halt in the adventurous army policy. The real change is not internal but external."—*Reuter.*

## "CORONATION COMMENTARY"

### Damages For Libel And Injunction

London, Apr. 27.

Reuter understands that Messrs. Allen and Overy, the Duke of Windsor's solicitors, have served a writ upon William Heinemann, publishers, and Geoffrey Dennie, author, in connection with the book "Coronation Commentary" claiming damages for libel and an injunction.

The book contains chapters headed "Edward VIII" and "Abdication."—*Reuter.*

#### SALE TO CONTINUE

New York, April 26.

"Coronation Commentary," a book recalled by its publishers in Britain under threats from the representatives of the Duke of Windsor to commence libel proceedings, will be released for sale here, it was decided at a conference of executives of Dodd, Mead and Company, American publishers.

The publishers, announcing the reasons for their decision, stated that "the book was intended to be a fair presentation of the meaning of British democracy during the past century in relation to the King."

"No-one can read the book without realising the author's bitter disappointment, shared by millions of his countrymen, over the sensational circumstances of abdication, or without feeling that, of all things considered, he has treated Windsor with the utmost fairness."—*Reuter.*

#### CORONATION VISITOR

Genoa, Apr. 26.

Mr. Chen Shao-kwan, one of the Chinese delegates to the Coronation of King George VI, has left for London via Paris.

Dr. H. H. Kung, the head of the delegation, is expected to leave for Vienna and Prague to-morrow.—*Reuter.*



## Canton-Kowloon Express Services

Commencing on Saturday, April 24th and thereafter on Saturdays and Sundays until further notice, additional Expresses will run between Kowloon and Canton as under:—

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## ROYAL JOURNEY DOWN RIVER

### King To Formally Open Museum

London, April 27.

Large crowds are gathered along the embankment and advantage points on both banks of the Thames between Westminster and Greenwich to witness the Royal journey down river which will take place early this afternoon.

The King, accompanied by the Queen, will also be attended by the First Lord of the Admiralty and will board the barge of the Commander-in-Chief The Nore at Westminster Pier where a guard of honour and band from the Royal Marine division at Portsmouth will be stationed. An escort of motor boats will take the Royal barge.

The King on arrival at Greenwich will formally open the National Maritime Museum which is housed in the historic buildings of Greenwich Hospital.—*British Wireless.*

## LITTLE VILLAGE TO CELEBRATE

### Dance Around Bonfire

London, Apr. 27.

The Coronation of the King and Queen will have special interest for the little village of St. Paul's in Hertfordshire where at the Manor House, former home of the Earl and Countess of Stratmore, Queen Elizabeth was born. The Queen's brother, the Honourable David Bowes-Lyon, is the present occupant of the house and on Coronation Day the villagers whose houses lie close to its gates will be guests at the festivities which will conclude with a dance around a bonfire.—*British Wireless.*

## CORONATION SERVICE

London, April 26.

It is learned on excellent authority that the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey will begin at 11 a.m. and last for two hours.—*Reuter.*

## CROWN JEWELS JOURNEY

### Police Van And Escort

London, April 27.

The Crown jewels were brought from the Tower of London this morning to the Crown Jewellers for renovation and preparation for the Coronation.

The Crown jewels were taken in a police van escorted by eight policemen with a police car following. Among the jewels were the Crown of England four sceptres, two golden maces and orb.

Officially the regalia is now in the hands of the Lord Chancellor and on the day before the Coronation it will be taken to Westminster Abbey.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

## JAPANESE AIRMEN IN ROME

Rome, Apr. 27.—The pilots of the aeroplane Divine Wind called on Cardinal Pacelli this morning. In the afternoon they had an audience of Signor Mussolini and later interviewed Count Ciano. They left shortly after for London.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

## ONTARIO FLOODS

Toronto, Apr. 27.—Parts of Ontario on the River Thames in London are flooded. The waters of the river have risen 33 feet above level. Some 38,000 people have been rendered homeless and troops have been rushed to assist in evacuation.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

## Pennsylvania Flood Threats

New York, April 26.

Swollen by continuous rains, flood waters are again threatening parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and West Virginia, which have not yet completely recovered from the disastrous floods of last January.

Railway tracks and bridges have been washed away, and the inhabitants of low-lying sections are evacuating their homes.

Business is suspended in several small towns.—*Reuter.*



## GOLF: CRIME OR FOLLY

One day recently I was reading, perhaps with rather a drowsy eye, the account of a match at squash rackets when suddenly an arresting phrase woke me up. I gathered that So-and-so might have won but for making "shots of almost unbelievable folly at moments of great importance." I experienced an instant feeling of sympathy for the poor fellow. I also thought that here was a writer who could enrich my limited vocabulary against the next time when I had to describe the mistake of a putt. "So I read on to find the same player accused of "egregious error" and "ill-timed eccentricities." By now I was almost in tears on his behalf, but still I persisted. I wanted to discover, however painful it might be, what were the dreadful things he had done. Furthermore, since I have a bad habit of translating everything into terms of golf, there might be some analogy between his crimes and those which the more black-hearted of golfers commit. His chief offences appeared to have been two: the first that he tried to take a ball when he ought to have asked for a let; the second that being in one game within a stroke of victory he served—my pen falters in the transcription—"straight on to the tin." Heaven forbid that I should endeavour to excuse one of such palpably criminal instincts. Doubtless he deserved his fate, and yet in other ways he may be a most respectable man and I am still sorry for him.

"UNBELIEVABLE FOLLY" When I come to turning this sad story into golfing language I am not sure that everything can be explained by "unbelievable folly." There seems to be a distinction between the two mistakes, to use a miserably small word. To serve the ball on the tin at game-ball is like topping the ball into a bunker in front of our noses at dormy one when the other fellow is already in trouble. It is the most deplorable stroke and one which the Fates will not forgive, but is it, strictly speaking, an act of folly? Poor wretches that we are, we do not do it on purpose, and not even our foursome partner, justly incensed though he be, can think that. It was simply that we could not act up to our doubtless admirable intentions. On the other hand, the not asking for a let was a deliberate act. A possible golfing equivalent is the playing of a ball out of a puddle when we might lift it out instead. That would be a folly, even if of an heroic nature.

Golf being a cold, calculating sort of game gives perhaps more scope for folly than any other. We have all the time in the world to make up our minds as to what is the wise thing to do and then we do the foolish one. Yet even so it is often hard to say exactly how foolish it was. We see a man go out for a long carry over a bunker or burn when he is playing the one off two, and we say in a furious whisper, "The man's a fool! Play short, you idiot!" We do not know, however. What is going on inside his head nor how frightened he may be of a short pitch. He may have coolly calculated all the chances and decided that he was more likely to get over with a brassy than with a mashie. I once saw a player at Westward Ho! who was dormy one in the semi-final of the Championship, although his enemy had been in all manner of trouble, he lashed out at his second with a brassy and he jumped the burn! That looked an incredibly rash action, and yet he thought before he did it, and who shall say that he did not think rightly? He knew himself and the spectator did not.

TAKE LEAVE OF HIS WITS Last year in a championship at Deal I saw a respected and illustrious friend of mine apparently take leave of his wits. He too was

dormy one; both he and his enemy were at the foot of the bank in 2 and a 5 would in all probability be good enough for the half and the match. Every individual hair on my head stood straight on end when I saw him. Instead of knocking the ball up the slope with a putter or a straight-faced iron, he took out his mashie niblick. It was a horrid little pitch to play at such a moment, and, sure enough, he fluffed it and lost the hole. When he had ultimately won the match at the 21st I ventured with infinite delicacy to ask what on earth had possessed him. He answered that he had had such bad "jitters" on the green that he felt as if he would miss the globe if he took his putter. Only those who have suffered from that fearful complaint can fully appreciate his action, which, though unsuccessful, may yet have been the wisest in the circumstances.

### A NOBLE ACTION

Last summer at St. Andrews I was very properly rebuked by another eminent friend while watching the final of the Amateur Championship. In the first round Ferrier held a good lead from Hector Thomson after the 13th hole. Then he cut his tee shot over the wall out of bounds at the Long-hole-in and so gave, his hardly pressed adversary a needled and heartening opportunity. I stigmatized it as a foolish shot at such a moment, but my friend would not have it. A man, he said, playing as well as Ferrier was then got into a frame of mind of such concentrated confidence that he never thought of the possibility of going out of bounds. To do so might, admittedly, be disastrous, but even so, it was much more than worth the risk to attain so happy a state. Being myself of a timorous and pessimistic frame of mind I could not speak from experience, but there was at any rate a good deal to be said for the contention and I withdrew the "foolish."

It is a shameful thing to confess, but I once very nearly called a major-general foolish. He and I were partners in a War-time match—not a very important one—played by foursomes, and on the first green he was left with a putt of between 2ft. and 3ft. for the hole. Our opponents, as all well-disciplined young soldiers should, exclaimed smartly in chorus "That will do, Sir"; but the general insisted on trying that putt, and he missed it by several inches. His was a noble action, worthy of the best traditions of the British Army, but from a base commercial standpoint it was not a wise one, for the enemy could offer to give us no more putts and we missed all the ones that we were not given.

## CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT

### Sullivans Win The Mixed Doubles

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sullivan won the Hong Kong Cricket Club Handicap Mixed Doubles Tennis tournament yesterday afternoon when they defeated G. Polglase and Mrs. Wood on the Stand Court by scores of 8-6, 6-3.

The first set was very even, both pairs playing very fine tennis, but in the second set Sullivan came up to the net and gave his opponents very few chances of returning his well-placed shots.

Sullivan was the better of the two men players, his smashing and spin services being a feature of the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan well deserved their win as they played a fine game although Mrs. Wood tried very hard.

## GREAT SCULLING RACE

### Eric Phelps Still Champion

Eric Phelps is still Britain's professional sculling champion, for, after a splendid race over the Boat Race course, he again beat Louis Barry by 6 lengths in 23min. 50sec. The official time was given as 24min. 50sec, but this was a minute too long, writes a Home correspondent.

There is every likelihood that Phelps will now challenge Bob Pearce for the World Championship, though he will have to go to Canada to do so. If the match can be arranged, it is hoped that it will take place under the aegis of the Canadian National Exhibition in July or August.

Water conditions were good nearly all the way from Putney to Mortlake, and Barry, winning the toss, chose the Surrey station. Mr. Stanley Garton, the old Oxford Blue, sent them away to a good start, and Phelps at 33 in the first minute to Barry's 34 was half a length up after 10 strokes. Both lost the best of a sluggish tide by keeping too close to the Middlesex bank, but opposite Craven Steps, when Phelps was a length ahead, they came into the stream again. At the Mile Post, 5min. 25sec., Phelps was leading by a couple of lengths, and both were striking 24.

### THE FIRST TO CRACK

From Hammersmith Bridge, 9min. 34sec., Phelps was in trouble for a time (a repetition of what happened when he met Barry last September). Barry, with the inside of the bend, and striking 24 to Phelps' 23, had reduced Phelps' lead at the Stork to a few feet. Right past Chiswick Ait both made terrific efforts, and it was a question of which would crack first. At Chiswick Steps Phelps was still just ahead, and then Barry cracked.

## THE DERBY

### Fairford Made Favourite

London, April 28.

Fairford was quoted at a 7 to 1 favourite for the Derby in a call-over made to-night, the principal quotations being as follows.

7 to 1 Fairford (o) 15 to 2 (t)  
10 to 1 Le Grand Duc (o)  
100 to 3 Peritox (o)  
100 to 7 Goya (o)  
100 to 7 The Hour (o) 15 to 1 (t)  
15 to 1 Foray (o) 100 to 6 (t)  
100 to 6 Gainsborough Lass (o) 18 to 1 (t)

Neutral.

### FORAY FAVOURITE

London April 26.

The short odds of 3 to 1 were offered against Foray in to-day's call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas race.

The following prices were quoted.  
3 to 1 Foray (t and o)  
75 to 20 Fairford (t and o)  
11 to 3 Fair Copy (t and o)  
17 to 2 Le Grand Duc (t and o)  
10 to 1 Goya (t and o)  
100 to 7 Diplomat (t and o)  
100 to 6 The Hour (o) 20 to 1 (t)  
22 to 1 Sunbather (t and o)  
33 to 1 Midday Sun (t and o)  
Neutral.

A few seconds later Phelps' head had dropped on to his chest, a sure sign of fatigue, but he had the lead and the moral advantage. If Barry had been ahead at this point it is more than likely that the result would have been reversed. Phelps told me after the race that he hoped that he would never have such a close call again. After Chiswick Steps Phelps dropped his rate to 20, one stroke less than Barry, but he went away fast, and at Barnes Bridge was leading by seven or eight lengths. Over the last half-mile Barry raised his rate to 24 and picked up a couple of lengths, but that was all.

## U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

### Red Sox Player Injured

New York, Apr. 26.

The first serious accident in the American Baseball season occurred yesterday when Doerr, the Red Sox home-run clouter, was hit on the head by a pitched ball and carried off, his injury necessitating his subsequent removal to hospital. Boston won their American League encounter against the Senators, however, by 12 runs to 5.

There was only one other encounter in the American League, the Yankees trouncing the Athletics easily. Two other games between Chicago and Cleveland, and St. Louis and Detroit, were washed out by rain.

Only one encounter was held in the National League, three games being postponed owing to rain. These were between New York and Philadelphia; Cincinnati and Chicago; and Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Results as cabled by Reuter were:—

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	9	13	0
Brooklyn	5	15	4

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	1	6	2
New York	7	13	2
Washington	5	10	3
Boston	12	15	4

J. T. ("Bossy") Phelps, the King's Bargemaster, "showed up" his son from a launch, but Bert Barry, the former world champion, instructed his brother from the bow of a Barnes R.C. eight, to which Lou Barry belongs.



Linuma (left) and Tsukagoshi at Croydon after their flight from Tokyo.

## COLONY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The members of the Kowloon and Victoria Chess Club held a meeting at St. Andrews Church Hall yesterday evening, in the course of which the competition for the Colony's Open Chess Championship was keenly contested.

The results so far are as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
V. Rush	11	9	2	-	10
A. Weiss	8	6	1	1	6 1/2
D. E. Carvalho	9	6	-	3	6
J. Fitzgerald	14	5	2	7	6
A. T. Birinkoff	12	4	2	6	5
T. Kaye	8	4	1	3	4 1/2

## WEST HAM WINS

London, April 26.

West Ham won useful football league points from Aston Villa to-day, winning at Upton Park by the odd goal in three. In the southern section of the third division Walsall lost at home at Newport 2-1 and in the northern section, Halifax lost at home to Oldham 1-0, and Tranmere beat Gateshead 6-1.

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## Sporting Fixtures

### TO-DAY

Shooting—H.K. Rifle Association Spoon and Practice Shoot (Army Range, Kowloon City), 2 p.m.

Tennis—Open Singles semi-final: S. A. Rumjahn v. E. C. Fincher (Stand Court), 4.30 p.m.

### TO-MORROW

Athletics—Wah Yan College Second Annual Athletic Sports Meeting, Kowloon Football Club Ground, 1 p.m.

Boxing—Army Boxing Finals, Murray Barracks, 8 p.m.

Golf—R.A. Golf Meeting (Fanning), 1 p.m.

Tennis—H.K.C.C. Championship Singles Final: M. Pugh v. A. L. Sullivan (stand court), 4.30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Tennis—Open Singles Final: H. D. Rumjahn v. S. A. Rumjahn or E. C. Fincher (Stand Court), 4.30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

Bowls—Division I: C.C.C. v. K.C.C., Recreation v. C.S.C.C., K.B.G.C. v. H.K.F.C., K.D.R.C. v. P.R.C.; Division II: K.C.C. v. C.C.C., H.K.F.C. v. K.B.G.C., Recreation v. P.R.C., T.R.C. v. I.R.C.; Division III: C.S.C.C. v. K.F.C., Yacht Club v. C.C.C., H.K.E.R.C. v. K.T.R.C., H.K.F.C. v. Recreation.

Racing—H.K. Jockey Club's 4th Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.





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## BONDS OF EMPIRE

### Mr. Chamberlain On Preference

Mr. Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was the principal guest at the "National Review" annual luncheon at the Connaught Rooms, when he referred to the aims and aspirations which bound the Empire together and said that if the Empire went to pieces the world would lose one of the strongest bulwarks for peace that it possessed. The guests were received by Lady Milner, and General Sir Ivor Maxse presided.

Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, M.P., proposing the toast "Our Guests," said that the Chamberlain tradition was more than safe in the hands of the present Chancellor of the Exchequer. Referring to Mr. Chamberlain's interest in ornithology, he said that as the weeks shortened before his Budget statement he must have a particular regard for the jay, of which ornithologists said:—"This is a crafty and wary bird, very conspicuous in the autumn and winter, and in the spring it is almost mute and very cautious at giving itself away."

#### SOME TRIALS

Mr. Chamberlain, responding, said that one of the minor trials and tribulations to which politicians were subject was that they were not infrequently credited with motives and opinions which were not their own, and which sometimes were the very opposite to those they entertained. He had frequently been called a Socialist, and equally often he had been referred to as a reactionary, a diehard Tory of the worst type. He did not recognize himself under either of these titles. Perhaps his presence there might finally dispel any notion that he was a candidate for membership of the United Front. To prevent any misunderstanding, his presence there need not be taken as a sign that he had quarrelled with any of his colleagues or that he repented of anything that had been said or done by the National Government. The invitation had been sent to him as a representative of a family which for two generations had enjoyed the friendship of the "National Review."

#### SHAM OF FREE IMPORTS

When in 1903 his father resigned his position in the Government in order to go out and preach the gospel of tariff reform and Imperial preference he took, not for the first time, his political life in his hands. Perhaps it was difficult in these days to realize the strength of the tradition which his father set out to combat and the bitterness of the opposition he encountered. It was, indeed, a testing time for courage and independence of thought, and there were many then who agreed with him in their hearts but whose support, like that of all waverers, was at all times in doubt, and most of all when it was most needed.

Leo Maxse never had any doubt; any more than Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, of the ultimate result of their efforts, and it was in the year of his death that the sham called free imports was swept away and a new system of a moderate tariff combined with Imperial preference came into operation under a National Government. To-day they saw that the battle had been won and the victory consolidated. The work of strengthening and holding together the British Empire knew no end, and there was still need for the enthusiasm, the patience, the vision, and the practical good sense of all patriots to see that it sustained no check to its onward progress. The aspect of the Empire to-day was very different from that which it bore in the early years of the century, when the Dominions were only just emerging from the status of colonies and when they still looked on the Mother Country as a parent rather than a partner.

#### POST-WAR TENSION

There was a time after the War when the strain set up by that convulsion imposed a tension in Imperial affairs when the younger nations felt that the Mother Country was too slow in recognizing that they should no longer be tied to her apron strings. Happily that strain, which was inevitable in a period of transition, had been successfully withstood. There was no question to-day of the complete equality of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations among themselves; they had the right to order their own internal affairs, subject only to the preservation of the essential features of their membership. They had now formally established their position, and at Ottawa agreements were signed by the Dominions and India

## SOVIET GRAIN PROGRAMME

### Record For Spring Planting

#### NEW METHODS AND MECHANISATION

The spring planting season on an acreage greater than ever before in Russian history is in full swing in the Southern provinces. With the retreat of snow across the Ukraine collective farmers over a wide area pushing forward on a programme that calls for the sowing of a total area of 94,494,700 hectares (approximately 236,000 acres), or 2,280,200 hectares (approximately 5,700,000 acres) more than in 1935.

This acreage does not include land sown to winter wheat, or perennial crops.

The almost complete collectivisation of Russian agriculture is shown by the fact that collective farms are assigned 83,856,800 hectares of the spring sowing programme. State farms 9,855,200 hectares, and individual farms 782,700 hectares.

Driving ahead towards the goal Stalin set of 7,000 or 8,000 million poods of grain by about 1940 (a pood is 36lb.), the great bulk of the acreage is assigned to grain—65,255,300 hectares as against 64,143,600 in 1935. The bulk of this will be wheat.

Seeking to encourage collective farmers to increase their acreages in the programme for greater production, the Council of People's Commissars, in its sowing decree, offers an inducement to the breaking up and planting of virgin soil. Crops raised on such soil will this year be exempt from compulsory grain deliveries to the State.

#### HIGH SPEED SOWING

In most areas of the country the sowing of wheat, oats and barley must be completed in six to nine days' while nine to eleven days time are allowed in other sections. In the case of land ploughed in the spring, even shorter terms are allowed, in an effort to conserve moisture to the maximum.

Swift planting is permitted by the predominant mechanisation of Soviet agriculture, the Government now claiming that more than 60 per cent. of crop production is done by tractors. The moisture conservation programme is especially significant this year because of the scant winter snowfall, especially across the wide Ukrainian steppes, which are the "bread-basket" of Russia.

The Commissars' decree ordered the planting of selected seed on 35,000,000 hectares, compared with 25,000,000 in 1935. The area to be planted to "vernalised" seed was doubled, and will amount to 9,000,000 hectares this year.

The vernalised seed process was developed by A. Lysenko, Soviet scientist, and involves soaking of seeds in warm water for some time before planting, in order to speed up sprouting. It is claimed vernalised seed increases production measurably.

Tremendous efforts are being put forth to make 1937 a banner agricultural year, inasmuch as the Agricultural Fair will be the principal theme of the Bolsheviks' celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Revolution.

Work already is advanced on great exhibition buildings in the suburbs of Moscow where the progress in agriculture will be depicted. Big yields of key crops would be a great achievement to report to Stalin and the Commissars on November 7 next.

### FATHER'S HONOUR FOR KING LEOPOLD

King Leopold of the Belgians left London for home after his short visit, travelling by boat-train from Liverpool-street Station, accompanied by an equestry and his private secretary.

He visited the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace during the day, and King George conferred on him the title Colonel-in-Chief of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The title was previously held by the late King Albert.

which demonstrated the conviction of all who took part that each could find advantage in developing its trade with all the others. He looked on their trade agreements with the Dominions not only as economically advantageous but as providing a strong and serviceable backing to the more delicate fabric of their aims and ideals.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

### Coastal Command Staff

Air Commodore E. W. Norton, D.S.C., promoted on January 1, has been appointed to the new post of Air Officer in Charge of Administration, Coastal Command, Lee-on-the-Solent.

Since 1932 Air Commodore Norton has commanded No. 5 Flying Training School at Sealand, Chester. He has served with the R.N.A.S. and R.A.F. since May, 1915, and was wounded in action when with No. 3 Squadron at Dunkirk in March, 1916. The D.S.C. was awarded him in October, 1916, in recognition of skill and gallantry in destroying the Ostend kite-balloon under severe anti-aircraft fire; a description of the exploit is given in Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon's book on the Dover Patrol. In 1924-25 he commanded an armoured-car company in Iraq.

### EXPERTS MEET AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, April 28. The technical sub-committee of the International Non-Intervention Committee appointed to prepare a scheme for the withdrawal of non-Spanish combatants from Spain had its first meeting at the Foreign Office to-day, according to a Parliamentary answer. The Chairman's sub-committee will meet to-morrow. *British Wireless.*

### BRITISH PROTEST

London, April 28. The British Ambassador at Hendaye has been instructed to protest to the Spanish insurgent authorities at Salamanca regarding the interference by their warships with three British merchant ships, McGregor, Hamsterley, and Stanbrook which were proceeding to Bilbao on April 23, carrying food. General Franco has been fully acquainted with the British policy concerning British ships on the high seas. *British Wireless.*



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## GOLD FROM SEA WATER

Australian Inventor's  
Claim

A provisional patent for yet another process for the recovery of gold from sea water has been applied for by Mr. H. E. Bresland, of South Fremantle, Western Australia.

The process, he has announced, consists of coating zinc plates with a potassium cyanide solution of silver. They are then placed in the sea so that they come into contact with the rising and falling tides.

The silver cyanide solution on the zinc sets up an electric action between the plates, he claims. Assisted by the salt in the water, the electrolysis thus established causes gold present in the sea to be deposited on the plates.

When they have been in the water for some time, the gold can be scraped off and the plates cleaned in a very weak sulphuric acid bath. After reconditioning with the silver solution, the plates are ready for use again.

## EXPORT SUGAR QUOTAS

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Proposals

London, April 26.

The negotiating committee of the International Sugar Conference held a meeting to-day of the heads of the various delegations. The president, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, formulated some fresh proposals for fixing export sugar quotas to be allotted to certain countries. These proposals were generally approved.

To meet the views of certain delegations, some changes were suggested and did not give rise to objection, and it was agreed that the final acceptance of these proposals should be left for the plenary meeting to be held at an early date.

Meanwhile the sub-committee will continue their work and the Negotiating Committee has been asked to draft a convention.

British Wireless.

## THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Hong Kong, Apr. 27.  
Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 5/16 for Ready and 20 3/8 for Forward. Silver advances reported speculators as having sold. India bought to a small extent. The market closed steady. American Silver was quoted at 44 3/4 for Spot.  
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 493.68. New York-London was quoted at 493.23/32.

### MARKET

Dull but steady.

### STERLING

There were sellers at 1/2 29/32 April-December, buyers at 1/2 15/16 for any delivery. No business was reported.

### U.S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 30 5/8 April-May and 30 9/16 June-September, buyers at 30 11/16 Cash-August and 30 5/8 September.

### SHANGHAI DOLLARS

A small business was done at 102 5/8 for cash. There were sellers at 102 5/8, buyers at 102 11/16 for cash.

### SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 1/2, buyers at 1/2 17/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 7/8, buyers at 19 15/16 for Spot.

### IN THE AFTERNOON

The market was dull in the afternoon.

### STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/2 29/32 April-December, buyers at 1/2 15/16 for any delivery.

### U.S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 30 5/8 April-May and probably June and 30 9/16 July-September, buyers at 30 11/16 Cash-August and 30 5/8 September.

### SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 102 5/8, buyers at 102 11/16 for cash.

## H. K. SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

### BUYERS

Bank of E. Asia, \$32.  
Wharves, \$116.  
Providents (Old), \$230.  
H.K. Docks, \$314.  
Hotels, \$740.  
Lands, \$354.  
Chinese Estates, \$36.  
Trams, \$153.  
China Lights, \$144.  
China Lights (New), \$144.  
Electric, \$61.  
Telephones (Old), \$29.60.  
Telephones (New), \$12.85.  
Cements, \$15.80.  
Ropes, \$5.30.  
Constructions (New), 45 cts.  
Consol. Mines, 044 cts.

### SALES

Underwriters, \$165.  
Trams, \$15.40.  
SELLERS  
Providents (Old), \$230.  
Electrics, \$61.

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA

The eighty-third ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, was held recently at the Bank's premises, 28, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

Mr. A. d'Amers Willis (the Chairman) presided, and in the course of his address said:

In happenings in China, which have made the greatest impression on the Western banking world, in the last year or so, probably that of the change in China to a managed currency, stands out relatively as the most important. In last year's speech, misgivings were expressed regarding the ability of the Chinese Government to maintain a managed currency. So far the arrangements have been successful, and it, aided by a healthy export trade, and provided that no major political upheaval takes place to challenge the authority of the Central Government, there seems no reason why they should not continue to be a success.

At the time the currency reforms were introduced in November, 1935, the Government announced its intention of converting the Central Bank of China into a Central Reserve Bank. So far this essential safeguard to the control of the note issue and to the effective supervision of the Commercial Banks free from all political bias has not been introduced, although I believe the matter is receiving attention.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuter's Service)

### QUOTATIONS

New York, April 28

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	4.93-5/32	4.93-23/32	9/16 up	
New York Cotton—July	13.15	13.06	13.06	18 off
Dec.	12.84	12.75	12.74	31 off
New York Rubber—July	22.75	22.58	22.58	107 off
Chicago Wheat—July	1.18	1.14	1.15	3 off
Chicago Corn—July	1.11	1.11	1.11	1 off
Silver—Official	—	—	—	—

1936/7	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	April 24	High	Low	Close	Change
194-40	143.11	80	Industrial	178.98	175.34	171.50	171.57	6.01 off
64.48	40.66	20	Rail	69.54	68.03	66.85	67.28	2.18 off
37.54	28.83	20	Utilities	29.54	29.68	28.82	29.03	99 off
166.01	88.92	40	Bonds	101.35	—	—	100.89	46 off
82.44	58.58	11	Commodity Index	78.39	—	—	74.08	1.61 off

Business Done:—2,020,000 shares.

Stocks	Last Sale	Apr. 24	26	Stocks	Last Sale	Apr. 24	26
Adams Express	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Great Northern Ry.	6 1/2	6 1/2	49 1/2
Allis Chalmers	67 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	Great Western Sugar	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Amer. Can.	99	98 1/2	98 1/2	Holly Sugar Corp.	—	—	—
Am. Car & Foundry	—	—	—	Humble Oil	82	77 1/2	77 1/2
Amer. Cyanamid	26	27	27	Int. Nickel	62 1/2	59	59
Amer. & For. Power	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Int. Tel. & Tel.	12	11 1/2	11 1/2
Amer. & For. 77 pf.	57 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	Int. Dept. Stores	28	26 1/2	26 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	Kennecott Copper	65 1/2	64	64
Amer. Metals	53 1/2	49	49	Lambert Corp.	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Amer. Radiator	23 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	Loew's Inc.	79 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	37	35 1/2	35 1/2	Lothar	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Amer. Smelting	86 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	McIntyre Porcupine	—	—	—
Amer. Steel Pdrics.	54	51 1/2	51 1/2	McKesson & Robbins	45	45	45
Amer. Sugar	48	47 1/2	47 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	90	89	89
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	166	165	165	Montgomery Ward	55 1/2	53	53
Amer. Tobacco "B"	81	80 1/2	80 1/2	Murray Corp.	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	20 1/2	19	19	Nat. Cash Register	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Anaconda Copper	55 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	63 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	Nat. Distillers	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Atlantic Refining	32 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Atlas Corp.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	New York Central	48 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Auburn Motors	30 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	Ningara Hudson P. Corp.	12 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	—	—	—	North American	26 1/2	25	25
\$7 cum. pf.	107 1/2	100	100	Northern Pacific	31 1/2	30	30
Baltimore & Ohio	35 1/2	33	33	Pacific Gas & Elec.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	30 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	Pacific Lighting	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	88 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	Packard Motors	10 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Boeing Airplane	39	38 1/2	38 1/2	Pearson	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Borden Co.	25 1/2	25	25	Pennsylvania R.R.	44 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Briggs Manufacturing	48 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	Phelps Dodge	—	—	—
Brooklyn-Manhattan	—	—	—	Phillips Petroleum	55 1/2	53	53
Trans	34	34	34	Public Service of N.J.	42 1/2	42	42
Brooklyn-Manhattan	—	—	—	Pullman Inc.	—	—	—
\$6 cum. pf.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	Pure Oil	21	19 1/2	19 1/2
Case, J.I.	163	154	154	Radio Corp. of Am.	10	9 1/2	9 1/2
Canadian Pacific	13 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	Republic Steel	43	42	42
Celanese Corp. of America	38 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Reynolds Tobac. "B"	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Cerro de Pasco	73	69	69	St. Joseph Lead Co.	—	—	—
Certain-Tied Pdrics	18 1/2	18	18	Schenley	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Certain-Tied Pdrics	83 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Schenley 5 1/2 pf.	96	95 1/2	95 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	60	58 1/2	58 1/2	Sears Roebuck	85 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	115 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	Shell Union Oil	19 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	14	13 1/2	13 1/2	Soceny-Vacuum	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	94 1/2	95	95	Southern Cal Edison	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Commercial Credit	33	30 1/2	30 1/2	Southern Pacific	38 1/2	36	36
Commercial Solvents	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	Southern Ry 5 1/2 pf.	50	46 1/2	46 1/2
Commonwealth & S.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Stand Brands	14	13 1/2	13 1/2
Commonwealth \$6 cum. pf.	55	54 1/2	54 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Consolidated Edison	38 1/2	37	37	\$7 pf.	57	55 1/2	55 1/2
Consolidated Oil	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	66 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Continental Oil	44 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	Sterling Products	68 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
Corn. Products	68	62	62	Swift International	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	Technicolor	23	21 1/2	21 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	20	19 1/2	19 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	38	37 1/2	37 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	19 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Tidewater Assoc. Oil	18 1/2	18	18
Del. Lackawanna & Western	129	123	123	Trinken-Detroit Axle	23 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Distillers Corp. Sea. grams	22 1/2	22	22	Transamerica	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	59	55 1/2	55 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Films	38 1/2	37	37
Du Pont	155 1/2	152 1/2	152 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Films pf.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Electric Boat	20 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Un. Carbide & Car. bon	97 1/2	96	96
Elec. Bond & Share	20 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Un. Pacific	149 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	68 1/2	68	68	United Aircraft	28	26	26
Elec. Bond & Share	76	75	75	Un. Airline Trans. port	18	17 1/2	17 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	20 1/2	19	19	United Corp.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	76 1/2	75	75	Un. Gas Tpyrom't	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
\$7 pf.	76 1/2	75	75	Un. Light & power	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Firestone Tire & R. Flintkote	36 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	"A"	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Gen. Asphalt	43 1/2	43	43	U.S. Industrial Alco. hol	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Gen. Cigar	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	U.S. Rubber	61 1/2	56	56
Gen. Electric	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pf.	97 1/2	92	92
Gen. Foods	58 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	U.S. Steel	110 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Gen. Motors	46	45	45	Vanadium	31 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	25	25 1/2	25 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	14 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	137 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Glidden	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	Youngstown Sheet & Tube	89	85 1/2	85 1/2
Gold Dust	45 1/2	43	43	Chase National Bk.	57	54 1/2	54 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	83 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	National City Bank	49 1/2	47	47
Goodrich \$5 pf.	43 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Call Money	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Goodyear	43 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	1 ex. div.	—	—	—

## REICHSMARK RATES

Berlin, April 28.

The Reichsmark was quoted, without guarantee, as follows:—  
New York, 40.21.  
Paris, 906.75.  
Amsterdam, 73.39 to 73.42.  
London, 12.27.  
Paris, sterling, 111.18 to 111.25.  
U. S. dollar, 22.545 to 22.55.  
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

MAYEBASHI MARU ... Wednesday, 28th Apr.  
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Friday, 30th Apr.

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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances.  
Ships in Harbour, etc.

### ARRIVALS

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Canton, French steamer, 976 tons, Captain G. Chariot, from Haiphong, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. B5.—M. M. & Co.

Santhia, British steamer, 4,841 tons, Captain R. Redwood, from Calcutta via Singapore, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Kwangtung, British steamer, 1,572 tons, Captain J. R. Nisbet, from Haiphong and Pakhoi via Hongkong, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Tjinegara, Dutch steamer, 5,783 tons, Captain J. A. Driessse, from Sourabaya via Tg. Prol, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. A2.—J. C. J. Line.

Apocoy, British steamer, 1,776 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Kamfa, mooring at Stonecutters.—Wo Fat Sing

Kao Sing, Chinese steamer, 3,204 tons, Captain I. Nakashima, from Manila, cargo: flour, berthing at Kowloon Wharf.—Walter & Co.

Radnorshire, British str., 4,809 tons, Capt. D. E. Evans, from Dalen via Shanghai, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. A3.—J. M. & Co.

Prosper, Norwegian steamer, 1,377 tons, Captain S. Larsen, from Canton, China Merchant Steam Navigation's Wharf.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Chang On, British steamer, 2,235 tons, Captain L. N. Beer, from Chinwangtao, cargo: coal, mooring at Kowloon Bay.—Dodwell & Co.

Hal Ching, British steamer, 1,322 tons, Captain O. H. Farrar, from Hoihow, general cargo, lying at Yau-mat.—Douglas & Co.

Hal Li, Chinese steamer, 2,055 tons, Captain S. P. Tung, from Canton, China Merchant Steam Navigation's Wharf.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

An Lee, Chinese steamer, 992 tons, Captain K. Makino, from Canton, berthing at buoy No. B10.—Yee Tai Hong.

Mayebashi Maru, Japanese str., 4,330 tons, Capt. T. Makano, from Shanghai, general cargo, berthing at Kowloon Wharf.—N. Y. K.

### CLEARANCES

TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

Tjinegara for Manila.  
Gertrude Maerk for Shanghai  
Hoihow for Canton

Kiangsu for Amoy  
Bahrein for Los Angeles  
Tung Cheng for Bangkok

Hal Ching for Canton  
Hal Li for Swatow  
Hal Yang for Swatow

Mayebashi Maru for Singapore  
Fingal for Singapore  
Chang On for Canton

An Lee for Swatow

### IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong Radio:—  
Potsdam, Rawalpindi, Cathay, President Polk, Santhia, Canton, Taybank, Apocoy, Rhesus, Dalshu Maru, Anvō Maru, Africa Maru, Shihala, Tokushima Maru, Empress of Asia.

### NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

#### Freight And Asiatic Passenger Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN).

During the 24 hours ended at 9.00 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns received from the Harbour Office, showed a fairly high tonnage movement. A good proportion being contributed by Japanese ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 7,641 tons, with British steamers carrying 857 tons. Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 37,287 tons, of which 43,488 tons were carried by British steamers.

Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 551, of which 206 were from British steamers.

There were altogether twelve arrivals, of which four were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 20 departures, eight were British ships. Particulars as follows:—

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	4	14,345
Norwegian	1	9
Portuguese	1	1
Japanese	3	17,402
Panamanian	1	3,733
Chinese	2	9,439
Total	12	44,928

### VESSLS DUE

Aeneas, B. & S., May 25.  
Ajax, B. & S., May 19.  
Antenor, B. & S., May 5.  
Antiochos, B. & S., May 21.  
Arabia, Lloyd Trieste, May 1.  
Aramis, Messageries, May 14.  
Bangalore, P. & O., May 10.  
Bengali, Loxley's, May 9.  
Benglo, Loxley's, May 9.  
Bencool, Loxley's, May 2.  
Calchas, B. & S., May 3.  
City of Elwood, States Co., April 29.  
City of Lille, Bank Line, May 15.  
Corda Biscanano, Lloyd Trieste, May 5.  
Corfu, P. & O., May 12.  
Crown, J.C.J. Line, April 28.  
Denmark, E.A. Co., May 15.  
Demodocus, B. & S., May 17.  
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 28.  
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., May 7.  
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., June 4.  
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 20.  
Eurylochus, B. & S., May 1.  
Friedrich, Melchers, May 25.  
Gaul, Melchers, May 11.  
G.G.P. Doumer, Messageries, May 1.  
Gen. Pershing, States Co., May 31.  
General Lee, States Co., April 30.  
Guinevere, Melchers, May 13.  
Golden Dragon, States Co., May 9.  
Havelland, Johnson's, May 9.  
Havel, Melchers, May 17.  
Houtman, J.C.J. Line, May 3.  
Ituri, Johnson's, May 17.  
Java, E.A. Co., May 19.  
Jean Laborde, Messageries, May 4.  
Kalgan, B. & S., April 29.  
Leverhulme, Johnson's, May 3.  
Malaya, E.A. Co., May 7.  
Manila Maru, O.S.K., May 6.  
Medon, B. & S., May 27.  
Menestheus, B. & S., May 9.  
Mirzapore, P. & O., May 19.  
Nalder, P. & O., May 23.  
Nelson, B. & S., May 28.  
Nellore, B. & A. S.S. Co., April 29.  
Nordhavet, Johnson's, April 28.  
Oder, Melchers, May 12.  
Peter Maerk, Johnson's, April 29.  
Philoteles, B. & S., May 31.  
Have, Lloyd Trieste, April 28.  
Forth, Messageries, May 3.  
Pres. McKinley, A.M. Line, April 30.  
Proteus, B. & S., May 22.  
Raiputana, P. & O., April 30.  
Rampura, P. & O., May 14.  
Rawalpindi, P. & O., April 28.  
Rhesus, B. & S., April 23.  
Roverla, Bank Line, May 26.  
Seroonkerk, J.C.J. Line, May 14.  
Shantung, Gilman's, May 1.

### SPEEDS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

#### Limit Set By Several Considerations

By exactly one-third of a knot, the French liner Normandie has wrested the Blue Riband of the North Atlantic from the Queen Mary, and it will not be long before the Cunard White Star liner makes an endeavour to win it back.

She will in all probability do so, for as Mr. S. J. Pigott (director of John Brown and Co., her builders) revealed to the Institution of Naval Architects recently, the experience of 1936 showed how her machinery could be improved in several small ways. Those improvements have all been effected, and within a trip or two, when weather and other circumstances are favourable, we shall probably hear of her making the crossing at a fraction of knot faster than the Normandie's 30.99 knots, writes a correspondent in "The Observer."

#### FRACTIONAL ADVANCES

From now on—unless some hitherto undreamed-of inventions in regard to methods of propulsion and forms of hull are brought to light—the story of the Atlantic speed record will be one of fractional advances, first at short intervals, and then at much longer ones. The Queen Mary and the Normandie will, without much doubt, exchange the Blue Riband more than once before their respective sister ships in a few years' time take up the running and repeat the process at a very slightly increased level of speed.

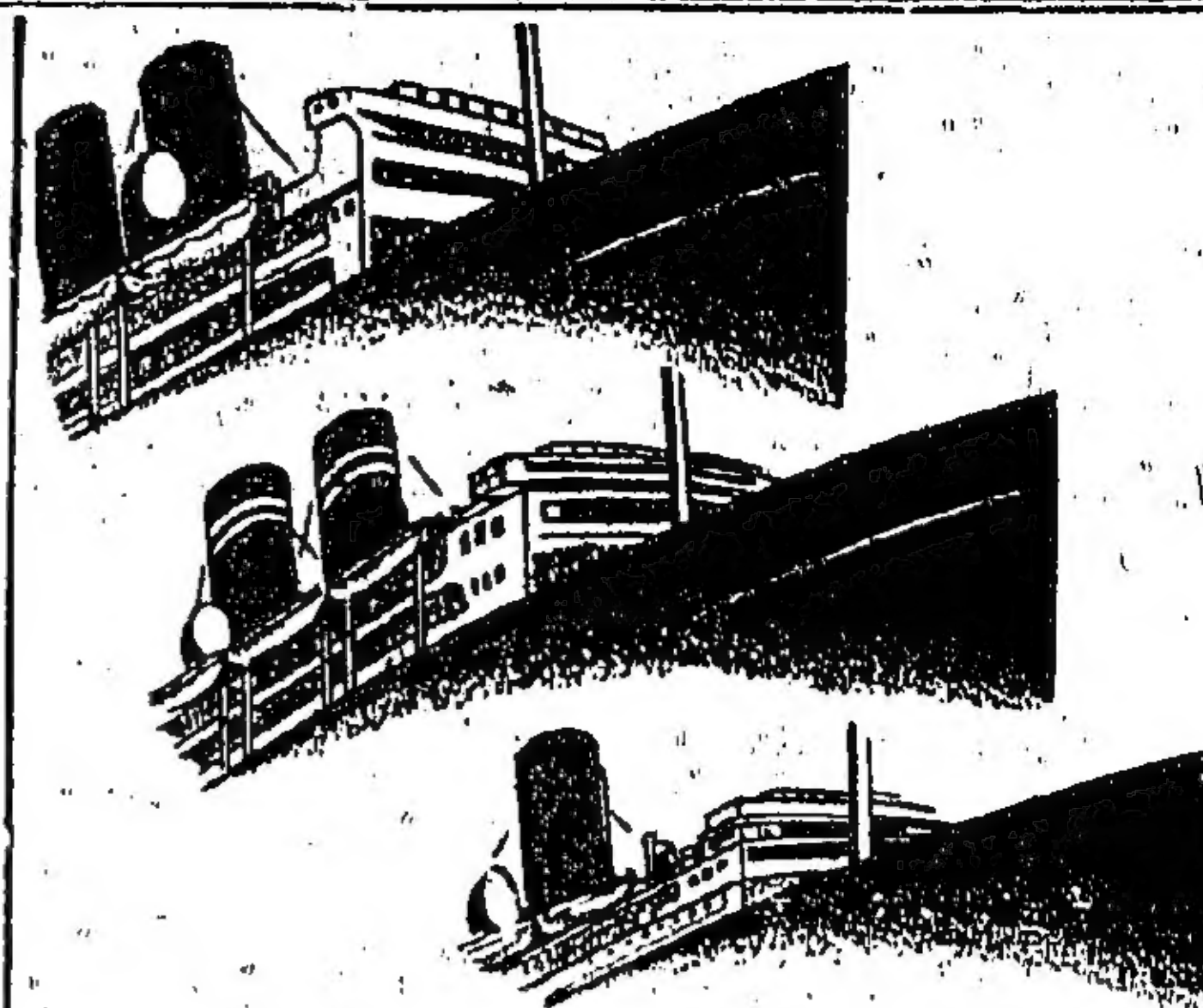
#### THE PEAK REACHED

It is extremely unlikely that any of these four ships (two existing and two to come) will do much more than top the 32-knot mark. If that. The effort required to reach 31 knots can be taken as indicating, for the time being, the peak of this century-old struggle for maritime supremacy.

In ninety-seven years, the advance has been steady, from the 8.19 knots of the old Britannia to the 30.99 knots of the Normandie, and the crossing has been reduced from 144 days to four. Anyone who wants to travel to or from America more quickly, and do the trip in two or even three days, must look to the air, and not to the sea.

The limit is set by several considerations. The cost of speed at sea after about 20 knots rises in almost geometrical progression, and the saving of time on the voyage must be reckoned at least in half-days to be of anything more than publicity value. Even to-day's craze for speed at all costs does not quite counter-balance the average passenger's annoyance if he is landed at his destination in the cold, small hours of the morning, instead of comfortably at breakfast time.

An increase of speed of several knots would be needed to make any faster crossing worth while, and that at present is impossible. No passengers want to suffer the discomforts of an Atlantic passage in a 40-knot super destroyer-hive—all engines and no lounges—and a ship with both the accommodation up to modern standards and the required speed would be far too big and costly to be either economic or manageable.



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